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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the residents of this Commonwealth to support the  
2 efforts, programs, services and organizations that work to  
3 enhance research and awareness of undifferentiated  
4 pleomorphic sarcoma, a type of soft tissue sarcoma.

5 WHEREAS, There are approximately 50 different types of soft  
6 tissue sarcomas; and

7 WHEREAS, Sarcoma is a type of cancer that develops from  
8 certain tissues like bone or muscle; and

9 WHEREAS, Soft tissue sarcomas can develop from soft tissues  
10 like fat, muscle, nerves, fibrous tissues, blood vessels or deep  
11 skin tissues; and

12 WHEREAS, Signs and symptoms of soft tissue sarcomas include  
13 swelling or a lump that has grown over a period of time,  
14 abdominal pain, blood in stool or vomit and black, tarry stools;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, previously  
17 known as malignant fibrous histiocytoma, is a type of soft  
18 tissue sarcoma that is most common in older adults and is often

1 found in the arms or legs but can also form internally at the  
2 back of the abdomen; and

3 WHEREAS, Although undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma tends  
4 to grow locally, it can spread to distant sites in the body; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, it is  
6 projected that approximately 12,750 new soft tissue sarcomas  
7 will be diagnosed in the United States and approximately 5,270  
8 Americans will die from soft tissue sarcomas in 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, While scientists do not know what causes most cases  
10 of soft tissue sarcoma, they have identified risk factors that  
11 make a person more likely to develop the disease, which include  
12 radiation, certain family cancer syndromes, a damaged lymph  
13 system and exposure to certain chemicals; and

14 WHEREAS, The main types of treatment for soft tissue sarcoma  
15 are surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and targeted therapy;  
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
18 residents of this Commonwealth to support the efforts, programs,  
19 services and organizations that work to enhance research and  
20 awareness of undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, a type of  
21 soft tissue sarcoma.