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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2020 as "Brain Aneurysm  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 1 out of every 50 people in the United  
4 States has a brain aneurysm; and

5 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms are most likely to occur in  
6 individuals between 35 and 60 years of age and there are  
7 typically no warning signs; and

8 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms are more likely to occur in women  
9 than in men by a three-to-two ratio; and

10 WHEREAS, Various risk factors can contribute to the formation  
11 of a brain aneurysm, including smoking, hypertension and a  
12 family history of brain aneurysms; and

13 WHEREAS, An estimated 6 million people in the United States  
14 have a brain aneurysm; and

15 WHEREAS, An unruptured brain aneurysm can lead to double  
16 vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, loss of balance and

1 coordination, weakness and speech problems; and

2 WHEREAS, A brain aneurysm is often discovered when it  
3 ruptures and causes a subarachnoid hemorrhage; and

4 WHEREAS, A subarachnoid hemorrhage can lead to brain damage,  
5 hydrocephalus, stroke and death; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year more than 30,000 individuals in the United  
7 States suffer from ruptured brain aneurysms and 40% of these  
8 individuals die as a result; and

9 WHEREAS, Annually, between 3,000 and 4,500 individuals in the  
10 United States with ruptured brain aneurysms die before reaching  
11 the hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, Early detection can save lives and a number of  
13 advancements have been made in recent years regarding the  
14 detection of aneurysms, including the computerized tomography  
15 (CT) scan, the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) test and the  
16 cerebral arteriogram; and

17 WHEREAS, Various research studies are currently being  
18 conducted in the United States in order to better understand,  
19 prevent and treat brain aneurysms; and

20 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysm survivors, their families and  
21 friends, along with families and friends who have lost a loved  
22 one to a brain aneurysm, are working tirelessly across this  
23 Commonwealth to raise funding for research studies; therefore be  
24 it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
26 month of September 2020 as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month" in  
27 Pennsylvania.