

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRENDA JONES

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 2019 AS BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF DETROIT**

WHEREAS, Brain Tumors, specifically Glioblastoma, have become recognized in recent years as one of the deadliest cancers; and

WHEREAS, There are an estimated 760 new diagnoses of brain tumors in Michigan in 2019, and an estimated 600 Michigan residents will die from a brain tumor in 2019. Brain tumors can be deadly and can severely impact the quality of life of those fortunate enough to survive this disease. Brain cancer continues to be the leading cause of cancer deaths among children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, Brain tumors have the highest per-patient initial cost of care for any cancer group with an annualized mean net cost of care in 2010 US dollars at well over \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, More than any other cancer, brain tumors can have lasting and life-altering physical, cognitive, and psychological impacts on a patient's life.

WHEREAS, The state of Michigan has attained national recognition as a leading center of excellence in the field of brain tumor treatment and research as a result of the number of patients traveling to Michigan for clinical trial participation, grant dollars locally used to create jobs, and professionals specializing in brain tumors across the state; and

WHEREAS, Detroit is proud to be home to high level brain cancer centers such as the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center, Children's Hospital of Michigan and others. We encourage Detroit residents to continue to be vigilant and proactive when it comes to their healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Despite the numbers of brain tumors diagnosed annually, and their devastating prognosis, there have only been four (4) FDA approved drugs and one device to treat brain tumors in the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, To date, there have been no drugs developed and approved specifically for malignant pediatric brain tumors. The four FDA approved drugs for brain tumors have provided only incremental improvements to patient survival, and mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council designates May 2019 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the city of Detroit.