



***Town Council of Indian Head***  
**Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Day**

May 17, 2023

**WHEREAS**, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, or DIPG is a type of brain tumor found in an area of the brainstem known as the pons; and

**WHEREAS**, the name describes how the tumor grows, where it is found, and what kind of cells give rise to the tumor; and

**WHEREAS**, DIPG primarily affects children, with most diagnoses occurring between 5 and 7 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, it makes up 10 to 15% of all brain tumors in children, with fewer than 10% of children survive two years from diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, DIPG is so rare, it receives little funding and little attention, receiving less than 1% of federal funding for DIPG research; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the leading cause of death among pediatric cancer patients; and

**WHEREAS**, May is Brain Cancer Awareness month, and May 17<sup>th</sup> is DIPG Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Indian Head would like to raise awareness of DIPG; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Indian Head would like to recognize Fin Cusick, resident of Southern Maryland, fighting fiercely in his personal battle with DIPG; and

**WHEREAS**, DIPG Awareness Day provides the opportunity for families and patients affected by this condition to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that we all may be made more aware of how this affects so many lives.

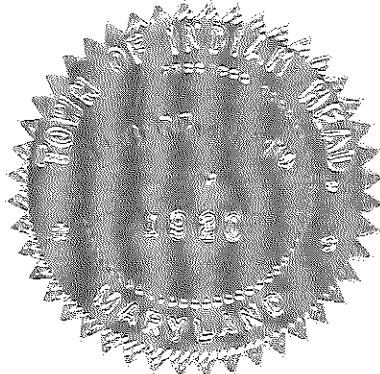
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Indian Head, Maryland do hereby recognize May 17<sup>th</sup> as DIPG Awareness Day in the Town of Indian Head and encourages all to join in this special observance and educate themselves about Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023

Brandon Paulin  
Mayor

Ron Sitoula  
Vice Mayor

Cassandra Grumbine  
Councilwoman



Attest by:

Andrea Brady  
Town Clerk