



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

May 17, 2024

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 17th 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 remember Fin Cusick, and recognize his fierce fight during 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 17th 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 6th day of May, 2024

Brandon Paulin
Mayor

Ron Sitoula
Vice Mayor

Cassandra Grumbine
Councilwoman



Attest by:

Andrea Brady
Town Clerk