

## H.Res. 69

“Expressing support for designation of the 17th day in May as “DIPG Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage the research into cures for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) and pediatric cancers in general.”

The DIPG Awareness Resolution raises awareness to the deadly statistics of DIPG, brain cancer, and pediatric cancer in general, and asks that pediatric and high-mortality rate cancers receive greater consideration for research grants with both government and private resources. *To access the full text, review p. 3 of the pdf distributed among all offices of the House of Representatives the week of December 3rd: [bit.ly/HVote69](http://bit.ly/HVote69)*

DIPG Advocacy Group’s trip to Washington Dec. 3 - 7 has three goals:

1. **Encourage a #HouseVote69** on H. Res. 69 before the end of session
2. **Assess support in the House** of Representatives for a 2019 re-introduction
3. **Initiate plans for a 2019 Senate Resolution** for which there has been support. The Senate Bill would be for 2019 only, and not May 17 in perpetuity like H. Res. 69, but 2019 is the anniversary of the Moonwalk; sadly, Neil Armstrong’s daughter died of DIPG in 1962.

Three Simple Steps to help us get a House vote before the end of the 115th session of Congress:

1. Call [your Rep in Congress](#) and ask him to A, cosponsor H. Res. 69 if they haven’t already, and B, encourage [House Leadership](#) to allow a House vote before end of this session of Congress.
2. **Sound-OFF to Congress on Twitter** for a House vote: [bit.ly/hres69-twtr](http://bit.ly/hres69-twtr)
3. **Sign and share** the online petition: [bit.ly/hres69-pet](http://bit.ly/hres69-pet)

2018 saw thirty-one states have a DIPG Awareness Gubernatorial Proclamation or Legislative Resolution, thanks to the networking power and hard work of Jenny Mosier and the Michael Mosier Defeat DIPG Foundation, as well as other DIPG groups across the country. The first state Resolution was in California in 2014, and then Pennsylvania in 2015.

*If you would like to help us get a 2019 House Resolution, or Senate Resolution passed, please contact Janet Demeter at [jacksangels1@gmail.com](mailto:jacksangels1@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Psar at [ekpsar@gmail.com](mailto:ekpsar@gmail.com). We have been told that the Senate bill will be much easier to pass, and this year is also very important as it is the anniversary of the Moonwalk. As you may know, Neil Armstrong’s daughter died of DIPG in 1962, and there’s been no change in standard treatment nor terminal prognosis since then.*

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