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Proclaiming May 2025 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month

The National Brain Tumor Association and the National Cancer Institute have designated May as “Brain Tumor Awareness Month” (BATM). BTAM is a time to raise awareness about brain tumors, educate our communities, and advocate for the development of a cure. A brain tumor is a growth of abnormal cells in the tissue of the brain, they can be cancerous or noncancerous.

According to the National Cancer Institute, Los Angeles County diagnoses and treats more brain tumors than any other county in California. Nationwide, an estimated one million Americans are living with a primary brain tumor. Approximately 60% are women. Brain tumors are the second most common cancer overall in individuals ages 15-39 and the second leading cause of cancer related death in those who are in that age range.

LA County is also home to the USC Brain Tumor Center, that offers comprehensive care for adults and children with all types of brain tumors. Their multidisciplinary team focuses exclusively on brain tumors and have deep experience from treating a very high number of complex brain tumor cases. They use cutting-edge diagnostic tools and innovative approaches to design a treatment plan personalized to your precise care needs and type of tumor.

There are more than 100 distinct types of primary brain tumors, each with its own spectrum of presentations, treatments, and outcomes. More than any other cancer, brain tumors can have lasting and life-altering physical, cognitive, and psychological impacts on a person’s life. Despite years of research, brain cancer survival rates have remained little-change in recent years, even while survival rates for many other cancers have been significantly improved.

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The brain tumor experience is full of extraordinary challenges and extraordinary hope. The gray area that falls in between is what drives unrelenting advocates toward a mission of conquering and curing brain tumors – once and for all. This #GrayMay communities will join for a month dedicated to supporting, empowering, and amplifying the voices of the brain tumor community.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1) Declare the Month of May 2025 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month, and

2) Recognize the University of South California's Brain Tumor Center for their heroic contributions to transforming lives and creating resilient communities.

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