



Brain Donor Project

May 23, 2023

The undersigned patient advocacy organizations and other groups with high interest in brain health request your support of **H. RES. 361**, a resolution to designate May 7, 2023 (and every year going forward) as National Brain Donation Awareness Day.

The Brain Donor Project is a non-profit organization built to support the NeuroBioBank, which is the brain bank structure of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NeuroBioBank supplies neuroscience researchers around the world with high quality human brain tissue for their studies. The Brain Donor Project works to simplify the process to become a brain donor and to raise awareness of the critical need for donated human brain tissue for research.

Since one in five Americans has a neurologic disease or disorder, and diagnoses increase as we age, the answers can't come fast enough. Tremendous progress is being made in biomedical research, but there is so much more that neuroscientists are working to discover. Breakthroughs in brain disease depend on studies using donated post-mortem human brain tissue, for which there is no substitute. Since one brain can provide tissue for dozens of neurological studies, an individual brain donation is a highly valuable gift that almost anyone can make.

We urge you to support this resolution to recognize and raise awareness for the importance of neurological research and the role that brain donation plays in advancing said research. For additional information, please contact Tish Hevel, CEO, the Brain Donor Project at tish@braindonorproject.org or 614-648-1666.

Sincerely,



The Brain Donor Project



Alliance for Aging Research



American Academy of Neurology



American Brain Coalition



Benign Essential Blepharospasm Research Foundation



Brain Aneurysm Foundation



Center for Law, Brain & Behavior



Cohen Veterans Bioscience



cureCADASIL



International Essential Tremor Foundation



Lewy Body Dementia Association



M-CM Network



National Alliance on Mental Illness



National Ataxia Foundation



National Funeral Directors Association



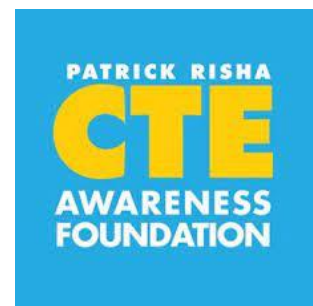
*National Organization for
Tardive Dyskinesia*



OurBrainBank for Glioblastoma



Parkinson's Foundation



*Patrick Risha CTE
Awareness Foundation*



*Restless Legs Syndrome
Foundation*



Rural Minds



The STARR Coalition



*Turner Syndrome Society
of the United States*