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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing March 2026 as
2 Brain Injury Awareness Month in Indiana.

3 *Whereas, Every nine seconds, someone in the United States*
4 *sustains an acquired brain injury, traumatic or nontraumatic,*
5 *from a fall, stroke, accident, infection, lack of oxygen, sports*
6 *activities, or military service;*

7 *Whereas, At least 64 million adults report having*
8 *experienced one or more traumatic brain injuries in their*
9 *lifetime;*

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1 *Whereas, Over 11 million Americans over the age of 40 who*
2 *have experienced a traumatic brain injury with loss of*
3 *consciousness are living with a disability;*

4 *Whereas, Brain injury and head trauma have been linked to*
5 *the development of neurodegenerative disease and other*
6 *conditions including but not limited to Parkinson's disease,*
7 *ischemic stroke, Alzheimer's disease, chronic traumatic*
8 *encephalopathy, and depression;*

9 *Whereas, Estimates by the Centers for Disease Control and*
10 *Prevention and the recently updated and analyzed Indiana*
11 *census suggest there are approximately 1.6 million individuals*
12 *who have experienced a brain injury from trauma or stroke in*
13 *the state, and that nearly 300,000 Hoosiers are disabled as a*
14 *result of those events;*

15 *Whereas, The Indiana Department of Health reported that*
16 *traumatic brain injury contributes to 30 percent of all*
17 *injury-related deaths in the state, and that 6,726 Hoosiers*
18 *experienced traumatic brain injury-related hospitalization in*
19 *2016, 58 percent of whom resided within rural counties;*

20 *Whereas, Many brain injuries go unreported and untreated*
21 *because of a lack of education and awareness and a lack of*
22 *recognition of the effects of brain injury on survivors and*
23 *families;*

24 *Whereas, Brain injury survivors and their families can*
25 *struggle to identify and secure proper medical treatment,*
26 *services, and care, despite the often lifelong effects of brain*
27 *injuries; and*

28 *Whereas, The Brain Injury Association of Indiana works to*
29 *reduce the incidence and impact of brain injury through*
30 *education, advocacy, support, and prevention, and by*
31 *facilitating interagency commitment and collaboration that*
32 *flows from greater public understanding of brain injuries:*
33 *Therefore,*

34 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
35 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 recognizes March 2026 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in
3 Indiana to support brain injury survivors and their families,
4 increase the public's awareness of the prevalence of brain injury
5 in the state and nationally, and recognize the importance of
6 prevention and treatment of brain injuries.

7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
9 Representative Sue Errington for distribution.

