About National Brain Tumor Society

National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) is the largest patient advocacy non-profit solely dedicated to the brain tumor community and a leading thought leader in the neuro-oncology field.

NBTS raises funds to invest in accelerating brain tumor treatments, prepare the patient community to navigate their unique brain tumor experience, and convene stakeholders while changing public policy to improve the lives and survival of brain tumor patients.

About Glioblastoma Awareness Day

On the second annual GBM Awareness Day, NBTS is proud to again have the support of champions in the Senate — including original sponsors Sens. Graham (R-SC), McSally (R-AZ), Sinema (D-AZ), Markey (D-MA), and Warren (D-MA) — in addition to a companion resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives led by Reps. Brian Mast (R-FL), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and James Langevin (D-RI).

Specifically, the resolution:

- Designates July 22 as Glioblastoma Awareness Day;
- Encourages increased public awareness of glioblastoma;
- Honors those who have lost their lives to glioblastoma — and those currently fighting the disease;
- Supports efforts to develop better treatments for glioblastoma; and,
- Urges a collaborative approach to brain tumor research.

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About Glioblastoma

- Glioblastoma is the most common malignant brain tumor — as well as the most aggressive, complex, and deadliest.
- It is a disease that alters the sense of self and creates significant disabilities for patients.
- More than 10,000 Americans will die from glioblastoma every year.
- The five-year survival rate is less than 7 percent, while the average survival period is only 12 to 18 months. Survival rates and mortality statistics for GBM have been virtually unchanged for decades. Patients diagnosed in 2020 will face virtually the same dire prognosis and limited treatment options as those diagnosed 20 years ago.
- Glioblastoma is a disease that all Americans should care about. It can strike men, women, and children of any age, background, and walk of life. It does not discriminate on gender, socioeconomic status, region, age, or political party.

For more information and learn how to get involved, please contact Danielle Leach, Chief of Government and Community Relations, at dleach@braintumor.org.

THE HISTORY OF #GBMDAY

In 2019, the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS), with the endorsement of several prominent brain tumor and cancer advocacy organizations, initiated an inaugural day of awareness to educate the public of glioblastoma (GBM); provide support for patients, caregivers, and family members; and help to advance resources for continued research into the disease, its treatments, and a possible cure.

With the high-profile diagnosis of historic Senate figures — the late John McCain (R-AZ) and the late Ted Kennedy (D-MA) — on the same date, nine years apart, members of the Senate sought to champion an effort to raise awareness and support patients.

Led by Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), members of the Senate authored a resolution to designate a date in July as "Glioblastoma Awareness Day."

Graham was joined by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Ed Markey (D-MA), Krysten Sinema (D-AZ), and Martha McSally (R-AZ). The resolution passed the Senate unanimously.

You can read more about NBTS' GBM Awareness Day efforts here.

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