

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 562

Designating March 25, 2020, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2020

Mrs. LOEFFLER (for herself, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating March 25, 2020, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”.

Whereas cerebral palsy is a group of permanent disorders that impact movement and posture and is attributed to nonprogressive disturbances that occur in the developing brain;

Whereas cerebral palsy, the most common motor disability in children, is caused by damage to 1 or more specific areas of the developing brain, which usually occurs during fetal development before, during, or after birth;

Whereas the majority of children who have cerebral palsy are born with the condition, but it may be undetected for months or years;

Whereas 75 percent of individuals with cerebral palsy also have 1 or more developmental disabilities, including epi-

lepsy, an intellectual disability, autism, a visual impairment, or blindness;

Whereas, according to information published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—

(1) the prevalence of cerebral palsy is not changing over time; and

(2) an estimated 1 in 323 children has cerebral palsy;

Whereas approximately 1,000,000 individuals in the United States are affected by cerebral palsy;

Whereas, although there is no cure for cerebral palsy, treatment often improves the capabilities of a child with the condition;

Whereas scientists and researchers are hopeful for breakthroughs in cerebral palsy research;

Whereas researchers across the United States conduct important studies involving cerebral palsy; and

Whereas the Senate can raise awareness of cerebral palsy for the public and within the medical community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates March 25, 2020, as “National
3 Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”; and

4 (2) encourages each individual in the United
5 States to become better informed about and aware
6 of cerebral palsy.

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