

*SAMPLE RESOLUTION TEXT. Provided by the Cure GM1 Foundation for congressional offices to adapt.
This is not an official congressional document.*

[HOUSE / SENATE] RESOLUTION _____

Expressing support for the designation of May 23, _____, as “International GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day”.

IN THE [HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES / SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES]

[Member name] submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

Whereas GM1 Gangliosidosis is a rare inherited disease that results in neurodegeneration and a progressive loss of abilities until death, leaving children, adolescents, and adults impaired with significant physical and developmental disability;

Whereas GM1 Gangliosidosis is severely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed and occurring in only 1 in every 100,000 - 200,000 live births;

Whereas lack of public awareness and visibility of GM1 Gangliosidosis contributes to under-diagnosis and difficulties in accessing specialized services and proper rehabilitation and support; and

Whereas early diagnosis of GM1 Gangliosidosis is important to ensure timely management of clinical complications, genetic counseling and when available treatment and therapeutic remedies; and

Whereas the goal is to raise awareness and increase the accurate and timely diagnosis of this rare inherited lysosomal disorder, known as GM1 Gangliosidosis.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the [House of Representatives / Senate]:

- (1) supports the designation of May 23, _____, as “International GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day”;
- (2) recognizes the importance of early and accurate diagnosis of GM1 Gangliosidosis; and
- (3) encourages the people of the United States to learn about GM1 Gangliosidosis and to support the individuals and families affected by it.