

Proclaiming June 2015 As Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Awareness Month In Ulster County

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Litts and Provenzano)

Legislator Kevin A. Roberts offers the following:

WHEREAS, Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT), also known as Osler-Weber-Rendu Syndrome, is a multi-organ manifestation characterized by tangled blood vessels in the brain, lungs, liver, nose, skin, and intestines; and

WHEREAS, typical symptoms begin with nosebleeds during childhood; and

WHEREAS, HHT is a common “rare” disorder affecting an estimated 1 in 5,000 people; and

WHEREAS, 90% of individuals with HHT experience moderate to severe nosebleeds which are not yet diagnosed due to widespread lack of knowledge by medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, HHT can result in stroke, hemorrhage, or heart failure; and

WHEREAS, HHT tragedies can be prevented through early diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, treatment for HHT may include surgery to treat bleeding in some areas, electrocautery or laser surgery to treat frequent or heavy nosebleeds, or endovascular embolization to treat abnormal blood vessels in the brain and other parts of the body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature recognizes raising awareness and leading people to diagnosis *will* save lives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby proclaims June 2015 as Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Awareness Month in Ulster County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Ulster County Legislature urges all of Ulster County to assist in raising the awareness of crucial diagnosis and available treatment to prevent needless disabilities and deaths associated with HHT; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature urges the Ulster County Department of Health to assist in raising the awareness by disseminating HHT Clinical Guidelines for Screening and Treatment to Ulster County medical providers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senators John Bonacic, William Larkin, James Seward, and Cecilia Tkaczyk, and Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Peter Lopez, Frank Skartados and Claudia Tenney, New York State Department of Health Commissioner, Dr. Howard Zucker; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Ulster County Executive Michael Hein, Ulster County Department of Health Commissioner Carol Smith and all Ulster County media outlets,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services Committee on June 1, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE