



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH
March 2023**

WHEREAS, more than 520,000 children and adults are living with a disability due to traumatic brain injury in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 750 to 3,750 infants in the United States sustain traumatic brain injury from shaken baby syndrome; and

WHEREAS, approximately one third of shaken baby syndrome victims die as a result of direct brain injuries and survivors of shaken baby syndrome suffer permanent neurological damage; and

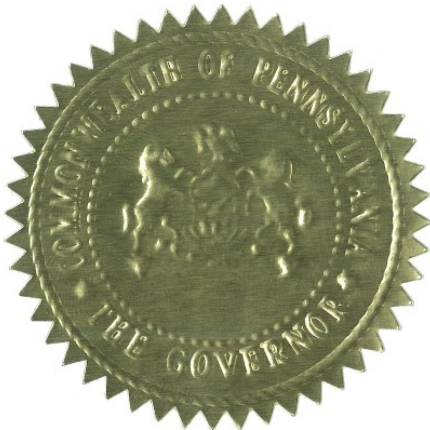
WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury results in impairment of cognitive abilities, physical functioning, or behavioral or emotional wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, individuals who sustain a traumatic brain injury require extensive support by providers and others with a thorough understanding of traumatic brain injury and its related issues so that those affected may live an independent lifestyle and meet their life-long goals; and

WHEREAS, there are many mild and moderate traumatic brain injuries that go undiagnosed or untreated; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Health in cooperation with various partners and stakeholders within the brain injury community are committed to enhancing the lives of those living with traumatic brain injuries by providing rehabilitation, education, awareness, and advocacy on the issue of brain injuries.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH in Pennsylvania. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the value and importance of brain injury prevention and awareness.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this twenty-eighth day of February two thousand twenty-three, and of the COMMONWEALTH the two hundred forty-seventh.

A blue ink signature of Josh Shapiro.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor