

SENATE RESOLUTION
8628

By Senators Angel, Brown, Bailey, Warnick, Roach, Miloscia, Sheldon, Kohl-Welles, Hasegawa, Padden, O'Ban, Rivers, Dammeier, Jayapal, Rolfes, and Conway

1 WHEREAS, Brain Injury Awareness Month was developed to increase
2 public awareness of brain injuries and their consequences; and
3 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is a serious national public
4 health epidemic that, according to the Centers for Disease Control
5 and Prevention, strikes an estimated 1.4 million; and
6 WHEREAS, Annually traumatic brain injury claims more than 50,000
7 lives and leaves more than 80,000 individuals with lifelong
8 disabilities; and
9 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury ranks as the leading cause of
10 death and disability in children and young adults; and
11 WHEREAS, The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center reports
12 that traumatic brain injury is the "signature injury" for troops
13 serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, with more than two-thirds of blast-
14 injured veterans identified as having a brain injury; and
15 WHEREAS, Prevention is the only known cure for traumatic brain
16 injury; and
17 WHEREAS, In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and
18 Prevention and the Health Resources and Services Administration, the
19 Spinal Cord Association of Washington strives to increase brain
20 injury awareness, and make prevention and safety measures part of
21 American culture in an effort to decrease the number of brain
22 injuries;
23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
24 honor National Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month during the
25 month of March 2015, and urge all citizens to educate themselves
26 about traumatic brain injury and take all necessary precautions to
27 ensure their own safety and the safety of their loved ones.

28 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
29 do hereby certify that this is a true and
30 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8628,
31 adopted by the Senate

1 March 24, 2015

2 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
3 Secretary of the Senate