BTAW Sample Proclamation Request

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Dear *(Municipal/County/State leaders):*

The North American Brain Tumor Coalition is a network of twelve charitable organizations dedicated to eradicating brain tumors and announced the passage of House Resolution 1124- "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month" during Brain Tumor Action Week 2008 in Washington, DC.

The Coalition represents the interests of its combined constituency by raising awareness of the problem and by advocating for increased research funding and other issues affecting brain tumor patients. Advocates from [*name of your state, county, city*] will be contacting Senators [*names of Senators*] and Representatives from [*name of state*]. We would like to share with them a proclamation from [*name of state, county, city*] to show support for our cause. Would you be willing to sponsor a Brain Tumor Action Week Proclamation in our state for the week of May 4th-8th, 2009?

Each year, more than 200,000 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with a primary or metastatic brain tumor. The treatment of these tumors, which include over 120 different types, is very difficult, and the effects of brain tumors, which are located at the control center for thought, emotion and movement, can be devastating. Advances in understanding and treating brain tumors depend on a strong brain tumor research partnership between the public and private sectors. Achievements in basic science may ultimately lead to improved brain tumor treatments, but much work is required to complete the translation from basic science to new therapies.

On behalf of the Coalition and brain tumor patients and their families, we respectfully request that you proclaim Brain Tumor Action Week in our [*state/county/city*]. A copy of the National Brain Tumor Awareness Month resolution is enclosed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

(Address, city, state and zip code)