

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 181

Designating May 19, 2015, as “National Schizencephaly Awareness Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2015

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating May 19, 2015, as “National Schizencephaly
Awareness Day”.

Whereas schizencephaly is an extremely rare developmental
birth defect characterized by abnormal slits, or clefts, in
the brain;

Whereas individuals with bilateral schizencephaly, the more
severe case, commonly have developmental delays, delays
in speech and language skills, problems with brain-spinal
cord communication, limited mobility, and shorter life-
spans;

Whereas schizencephaly is the second rarest brain malforma-
tion, and only approximately 7,000 cases have ever been
reported;

Whereas promoting education and increasing awareness
among health professionals and families will lead to early

intervention and treatment options for individuals with schizencephaly; and

Whereas continued Federal support for medical research will help identify causes, improve diagnostics, and develop promising treatments for schizencephaly: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates May 19, 2015,
- 2 as “National Schizencephaly Awareness Day”.

