



ANAwareness Week May 17-23, 2020

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To (ex.: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo)

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Dear (ex. Governor Cuomo):

I am writing to request that May 17-23, 2020, be declared ANAwareness Week in the **town, city or state**. As a resident of **hometown** and an acoustic neuroma patient, I believe it is necessary to recognize the importance of acoustic neuroma awareness to the general public and the impact on the lives of those affected by this condition. During this week thousands of acoustic neuroma patients and supporters will join forces to do the same.

An acoustic neuroma, also known as a vestibular schwannoma, is a benign brain tumor that arises on the eighth cranial nerve leading from the brain to the inner ear. Patients are often faced with difficult treatment decisions and many deal with post-treatment issues such as permanent hearing loss, ringing in the ears, facial and balance issues, headaches, eye problems and more.

The eighth annual ANAwareness Week is hosted by the Acoustic Neuroma Association (ANA). Founded in 1981, the ANA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving approximately 4,000 members worldwide with a mission to inform, educate and support those affected by acoustic neuroma brain tumors.

The ANA will utilize its website with nearly 1,000,000 page views each year and its social media base of nearly 12,000 people to achieve its goal. Supporters like me will participate in social media campaigns, share our stories and hold fundraisers to expand the educational and support services that the ANA provides.

Town, city or state has a long history of supporting the causes of its citizens and I look forward to working with your office on this important endeavor and in representing Albany in this local and national campaign.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Name

Title (ex.: Volunteer, Acoustic Neuroma Association)

phone number

email address

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION WORDING

WHEREAS, an acoustic neuroma is a rare tumor of the hearing and balance nerves that affects nearly 3.5 in 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, an acoustic neuroma brain tumor can lead to single-sided deafness, tinnitus, balance issues, facial paralysis, cognitive and emotional issues; and

WHEREAS, founded by acoustic neuroma patients in 1981, the Acoustic Neuroma Association (ANA) is a non-profit organization with national headquarters in Cumming, Georgia, whose mission is to be the premier resource to the acoustic neuroma community, informing, educating and supporting those affected by acoustic neuroma brain tumors; and

WHEREAS, ANA is organizing a nationwide effort to raise awareness of acoustic neuromas during the eighth annual ANAwareness Week, May 17-23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, thousands of patients, caregivers, family members and healthcare professionals will participate in this national campaign to raise acoustic neuroma awareness and educate the general public, in an effort to increase early detection, provide patient education for the newly diagnosed as they make treatment decisions and offer support and resources to those dealing with post-treatment effects of acoustic neuroma;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that May 17-23, 2020, will be proclaimed ANAwareness Week in town, city or state.