

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 13, 2017, as Epilepsy Awareness Day in
2 Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological disorder that produces brief disturbances in
4 the normal electrical function of the brain, temporarily affecting a person's consciousness,
5 bodily movements, or sensations, and creating long-term effects on the lifestyle of an
6 individual with epilepsy; and

7 WHEREAS, one in 26 people will develop epilepsy, and one in 10 people will have
8 an epileptic seizure during his or her lifetime; and

9 WHEREAS, epilepsy can affect anyone regardless of gender, race, age, religion,
10 educational background, or socioeconomic status; and

11 WHEREAS, more people suffer from epilepsy than from Parkinson's disease,
12 multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and cerebral palsy combined; and

13 WHEREAS, epilepsy affects more than 65 million people worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, although there is no known cure for epilepsy, existing drug therapy,
15 surgery, and other nonpharmacological treatments enable approximately 80 percent of
16 individuals with epilepsy to lead normal lives with no seizures or a significant reduction
17 in seizures; and

18 WHEREAS, epilepsy is a disorder that requires further research to find a cure and
19 prevention; and

20 WHEREAS, the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types or to
21 respond with appropriate first aid; and

22 WHEREAS, the annual observance of Epilepsy Awareness Day advocates for the
23 rights, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons with epilepsy, while
24 raising awareness with families, medical professionals, and the general public to better
25 understand this lifelong disorder;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

1 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes February 13, 2017, as
3 Epilepsy Awareness Day in Kentucky, and calls upon all of this Commonwealth's
4 citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to
5 increase awareness and understanding of epilepsy through education while ensuring that
6 all individuals with epilepsy lead a full and productive life.

7 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jeffery Donohue.