
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 13, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania
2 and the Epilepsy Foundation of Western/Central Pennsylvania
3 on more than 40 years of dedicated service to Pennsylvania
4 communities and designating March 26, 2013, as "Epilepsy
5 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

6 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological condition sometimes
7 referred to as a seizure disorder and is characterized by
8 recurring seizures; and

9 WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects more than 200,000 Pennsylvanians
10 and their families; and

11 WHEREAS, One in twenty-six people will develop epilepsy in
12 his or her lifetime; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 209,000 Pennsylvanians live with epilepsy
14 or a seizure disorder; and

1 WHEREAS, As many as 50,000 Americans die each year from
2 seizures and related causes, including sudden unexplained death
3 in epilepsy; and

4 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania and
5 the Epilepsy Foundation of Western/Central Pennsylvania lead the
6 fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome the challenges
7 created by epilepsy; and

8 WHEREAS, There are two independent affiliates of the epilepsy
9 foundations in Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, The epilepsy foundations in Pennsylvania are
11 dedicated to ensuring that all people with seizures and epilepsy
12 are able to participate in all life's experiences; and

13 WHEREAS, State funding in Pennsylvania currently supports
14 Statewide epilepsy foundation programs that provide technical
15 assistance, training and support to Pennsylvania's school
16 nurses, teachers and students on seizure recognition and first
17 aid; and

18 WHEREAS, State funding in Pennsylvania currently supports
19 Statewide epilepsy foundation programs that provide patient
20 education, public awareness, information and referral services
21 for children and their families living with seizures in this
22 Commonwealth; and

23 WHEREAS, Both of the epilepsy foundation affiliates in
24 Pennsylvania are celebrating 40 years of service and dedication
25 to Pennsylvania communities; and

26 WHEREAS, The prevention and control of epilepsy can be
27 achieved through continued community education and awareness
28 programs; and

29 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has supported the creation and
30 expansion of epilepsy support services and awareness programs

1 through Federal and State appropriations; and

2 WHEREAS, The epilepsy foundations in Pennsylvania have been
3 serving the needs of Pennsylvanians who live with seizures, in
4 partnership with the Department of Health since 1994; and

5 WHEREAS, The epilepsy community recognizes March 26, 2013, as
6 "Purple Day" to promote epilepsy awareness and education
7 throughout the world; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
9 Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania and the Epilepsy
10 Foundation of Western/Central Pennsylvania on more than 40 years
11 of dedication and Statewide service to Pennsylvania communities;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
14 26, 2013, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.