
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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NOVEMBER 14, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2017 as "Epilepsy Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological condition sometimes
4 referred to as a seizure disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a widely misunderstood medical
6 condition; and

7 WHEREAS, As the fourth most common neurological disorder in
8 the United States following migraines, stroke and Alzheimer's
9 disease, epilepsy affects 5 million Americans of all ages; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 new cases of epilepsy occur
11 each year, most often in young children or senior citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, One in 26 people will develop epilepsy in that
13 person's lifetime; and

14 WHEREAS, Up to 50,000 Americans die each year from seizures
15 and related causes, including sudden unexplained death in
16 epilepsy; and

1 WHEREAS, One in three people with epilepsy endure
2 uncontrollable seizures because no available treatment is
3 effective; and

4 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is characterized by recurring seizures that
5 are physical reactions to sudden, brief, excessive electrical
6 discharges in brain cells; and

7 WHEREAS, These excessive electrical discharges impact the
8 brain, causing seizure disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, Seizures, often thought to be full-body convulsions,
10 can be brief muscle spasms or unconscious behaviors that appear
11 to be attention lapses; and

12 WHEREAS, Increasing awareness of epilepsy eases fears of the
13 condition and improves the lives of the millions of affected
14 individuals and those who care for them; and

15 WHEREAS, Joining in this effort will not only raise awareness
16 but will educate people about epilepsy and encourage the support
17 of epilepsy research programs that can lead to a better quality
18 of life for those individuals with epilepsy; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
20 2017 as "Epilepsy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.