
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY COSTA, KITCHEN, STACK, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC,
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WILLIAMS, FARNESE, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, PILEGGI, BAKER, BROWNE
AND BRUBAKER, MARCH 12, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 12, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 26, 2013, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological condition that is
4 sometimes referred to as a seizure disorder and characterized by
5 recurring seizures; and

6 WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects more than 200,000 Pennsylvanians
7 and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, One in 26 people will develop epilepsy in his or her
9 lifetime; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation affiliates in this
16 Commonwealth, the Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania

1 and the Epilepsy Foundation of Western and Central Pennsylvania,
2 lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome the
3 challenges created by epilepsy; and

4 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation affiliates in this
5 Commonwealth are dedicated to ensuring that all people with
6 seizures and epilepsy are able to participate in all experiences
7 of life; and

8 WHEREAS, State funding in this Commonwealth currently
9 supports Statewide Epilepsy Foundation programs that provide
10 technical assistance, training and support to this
11 Commonwealth's school nurses, teachers and students on seizure
12 recognition and first aid; and

13 WHEREAS, State funding in this Commonwealth also currently
14 supports Statewide Epilepsy Foundation programs that provide
15 patient education, public awareness, information and referral
16 services for children and their families living with seizures in
17 this Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, Both of the Epilepsy Foundation affiliates in this
19 Commonwealth are celebrating 40 years of service and dedication
20 to communities of this Commonwealth; and

21 WHEREAS, The prevention and control of epilepsy can be
22 achieved through continued community education and awareness
23 programs; and

24 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has supported the creation and
25 expansion of epilepsy support services and awareness programs
26 through Federal and State appropriations; and

27 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation affiliates in Pennsylvania
28 in partnership with the Department of Health since 1994 have
29 been serving the needs of Pennsylvanians who live with seizures;
30 and

1 WHEREAS, The epilepsy community recognizes March 26, 2013, as
2 Purple Day to promote epilepsy awareness and education
3 throughout the world; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 26, 2013, as
5 "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the Epilepsy
7 Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania and the Epilepsy Foundation
8 of Western and Central Pennsylvania on more than 40 years of
9 dedication and Statewide service to the community of this
10 Commonwealth.