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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1094 Session of  
2018

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2018 as "National Epilepsy  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

6 WHEREAS, As the fourth most common neurological disorder in  
7 the United States, following migraine, stroke and Alzheimer's  
8 disease, epilepsy affects 3.4 million Americans of all ages; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 150,000 new cases of epilepsy occur  
10 each year, most often in young children and senior citizens; and

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

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

1 epilepsy; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania and  
7 Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania are dedicated  
8 to ensuring that all people with seizures and epilepsy are able  
9 to participate in all of life's experiences; and

10 WHEREAS, Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania and  
11 Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania have been  
12 serving the needs of Pennsylvanians who live with seizures since  
13 1972; and

14 WHEREAS, Misinformation and misperceptions regarding epilepsy  
15 have a long history and are still prevalent throughout society  
16 today; and

17 WHEREAS, Epilepsy education and awareness programs seek to  
18 combat stigma in the hope of improving the quality of life for  
19 people with epilepsy; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
21 month of November 2018 as "National Epilepsy Awareness Month" in  
22 Pennsylvania.