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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**No. 159**      Session of  
2003

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INTRODUCED BY COSTA, MELLOW, BRIGHTBILL, MUSTO, O'PAKE, HUGHES,  
STOUT, KUKOVICH, SCHWARTZ, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, CORMAN,  
ORIE, LOGAN, D. WHITE, WAGNER, MOWERY, CONTI, DENT, ERICKSON,  
M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, ARMSTRONG, C. WILLIAMS, EARLL, GREENLEAF,  
SCARNATI, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, STACK, RHOADES, LEMMOND, LAVALLE,  
ROBBINS, FERLO, WONDERLING, PILEGGI AND TOMLINSON,  
OCTOBER 8, 2003

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 8, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Month of November 2003 as "Pennsylvania Epilepsy  
2 Awareness Month."

3 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is the third most common neurological  
4 disorder, affecting 2.3 million Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, There are more than an estimated 120,000  
6 Pennsylvanians with epilepsy, with a growing number of young  
7 children, teens and senior citizens diagnosed every year  
8 according to the Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central  
9 Pennsylvania and the Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern  
10 Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 181,000 new cases of seizure and  
12 epilepsy are diagnosed each year in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The only organization in our State dedicated to  
14 educating the public about epilepsy and providing support  
15 services to persons with epilepsy and seizure disorder is the

1 Epilepsy Foundation; and

2       Whereas, Nearly 70% of epilepsy cases have unknown causes;

3 and

4       WHEREAS, Public education programs are needed to educate all

5 Pennsylvanians about epilepsy and to dismiss misconceptions

6 regarding the disorder; and

7       WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central

8 Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the Epilepsy Foundation of

9 Eastern Pennsylvania and the National Epilepsy Foundation, is

10 conducting public awareness and outreach programs to educate

11 people about epilepsy and seizure disorder; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania recognize the month

13 of November 2003 as "Pennsylvania Epilepsy Awareness Month" to

14 bring further attention to epilepsy and seizure disorder and to

15 recognize the courage and commitment of Pennsylvanians with

16 epilepsy and their caregivers and associates; and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

18 the Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania and the

19 Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania.