
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2013 as "Epilepsy Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects more than 200,000 Pennsylvanians;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is one of the world's oldest known medical
6 conditions; and

7 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is not a widely understood medical
8 condition; diagnoses of this chronic brain condition often leads
9 to fear, discrimination and isolation; and

10 WHEREAS, As the third most common neurological disorder in
11 the United States, following stroke and Alzheimer's disease,
12 epilepsy affects 5 million Americans of all ages; and

13 WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 new cases of epilepsy are
14 diagnosed each year, most often in young children or senior
15 citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, One in ten Americans will experience a seizure at
17 some point in their lives and 3% of them will eventually develop

1 epilepsy; and

2 WHEREAS, One in three people with epilepsy must endure
3 uncontrollable seizures because no available treatment works for
4 them; and

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Increased awareness of epilepsy eases fears of the
14 condition and improves the lives of the millions of affected
15 persons and those who care for them; and

16 WHEREAS, Encouraging the support of epilepsy research
17 programs can make the future of persons with epilepsy much
18 better and brighter; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
20 2013 as "Epilepsy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.