
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 15, 2014

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 15, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2014 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

1 some point in their lives and 3% of them will eventually develop
2 epilepsy; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
21 2014 as "Epilepsy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.