
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 570 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY BIZZARRO, MARKOSEK, LONGIETTI, HENNESSEY, KOSIEROWSKI, SONNEY, BURNS, MACKENZIE, RAVENSTAHL, KORTZ, SAINATO, SCHLEGEL CULVER, HELM, RYAN, T. DAVIS, HARKINS, DIAMOND, PICKETT, THOMAS, MERSKI, FREEMAN, MILLARD, HILL-EVANS, STAATS, BARRAR, BROWN, OBERLANDER, SCHLOSSBERG, HOWARD, BERNSTINE, McNEILL, DIGIROLAMO, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, ZIMMERMAN, MURT, SCHWEYER, B. MILLER, McCLINTON AND WARREN, OCTOBER 21, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OCTOBER 21, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2019 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
15 epilepsy; and

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

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

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

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 month of November 2019 as "National Epilepsy Awareness Month" in
20 Pennsylvania.