
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SONNEY, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, B. MILLER, EVERETT AND
READSHAW, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 26, 2020, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Epilepsy Awareness Day" is observed on March 26 of
4 each year throughout the world and has become known as "Purple
5 Day"; and

6 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological condition sometimes
7 referred to as a seizure disorder and is characterized by
8 recurring seizures; and

9 WHEREAS, As the fourth most common neurological disorder in
10 the United States, ranked behind migraine headache, stroke and
11 Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy affects 3.4 million Americans of
12 all ages; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, nearly
14 50 million people around the world live with epilepsy; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 150,000 new cases of epilepsy occur in
16 the United States each year, most often in young children and

1 senior citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, One in 26 individuals will develop epilepsy in his
3 or her lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, Up to 50,000 Americans die each year from epilepsy
5 and related causes, including sudden unexplained death; and

6 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central
7 Pennsylvania and the Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania
8 lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome the
9 challenges caused by epilepsy; and

10 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central
11 Pennsylvania and the Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania
12 are dedicated to ensuring that residents of this Commonwealth
13 with epilepsy are able to participate in all of life's
14 experiences; and

15 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central
16 Pennsylvania and the Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania
17 have been serving the needs of residents of this Commonwealth
18 with epilepsy since 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, Misinformation and misconceptions regarding epilepsy
20 have a long history and are still prevalent throughout society
21 today; and

22 WHEREAS, Education and awareness programs are vital to combat
23 the stigma of epilepsy and improve the quality of life for
24 individuals with epilepsy; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March
26 26, 2020, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
29 residents of this Commonwealth to wear the color purple on March
30 26, 2020, to raise awareness of epilepsy.