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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

DESIGNATING MARCH 26, 2023, AS "EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY" IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, members of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware wish to recognize and support
2 "Epilepsy Awareness Day", a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness around the world; and

3 WHEREAS, epilepsy affects almost 3,000,000 Americans and over 10,000 Delawareans; and

4 WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological seizure disorder that produces brief disturbances in the normal electrical
5 function of the brain, temporarily affecting a person's consciousness, bodily movements, or sensations; and

6 WHEREAS, seizures are the third most common school emergency, and an estimated 1,300 Delawareans between
7 the ages of 0 and 17 have epilepsy; and

8 WHEREAS, epilepsy not only impacts the lifestyle of individuals with epilepsy, but also their family, friends, and
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, epilepsy can affect anyone regardless of gender, race, or age; and

11 WHEREAS, the general public's lack of knowledge and misinformation about epilepsy leads to unnecessary
12 stigma, discrimination, lost job opportunities, and an inability to appropriately respond when encountering a person
13 experiencing a seizure, along with many other social and economic implications; and

14 WHEREAS, efforts are being made to create "seizure safe schools" for the 470,000 American children who have
15 epilepsy; and

16 WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Day, which began as a grass roots initiative in 2008, is now celebrated annually
17 on March 26th in various states and countries throughout the world as an effort to reduce stigma and to improve the quality
18 of life for individuals with epilepsy.

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
21 Representatives concurring therein, that March 26, 2023, is hereby designated as "Epilepsy Awareness Day".

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly requests that the Governor issue a proclamation
23 declaring March 26, 2023, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" and call upon State agencies and the people of Delaware to
24 undertake suitable efforts to increase epilepsy awareness through the State of Delaware in recognition thereof.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitably prepared copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Governor
26 of the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution designates March 26, 2023, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in Delaware and calls upon State agencies and the people of Delaware to undertake suitable efforts to increase epilepsy awareness.

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