

SPONSOR: Rep. Griffith & Rep. Freel on behalf of all Representatives & Sen. Townsend on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

RECOGNIZING MARCH 26, 2022, AS "EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION FOR THE OCCASION.

| 1 | WHEREAS members of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware wish to recognize and support |
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| 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, epilepsy not only impacts the lifestyle of individuals with epilepsy, but also their family, friends, and |
| 7 | community; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, epilepsy can affect anyone regardless of gender, race, or age; and |
| 9 | WHEREAS, the general public's lack of knowledge and misinformation about epilepsy leads to unnecessary |
| 10 | stigma, discrimination, lost job opportunities, and an inability to appropriately respond when encountering a person |
| 11 | experiencing a seizure along with many other social and economic implications; and |
| 12 | WHEREAS efforts are being made to create "seizure safe schools" for the 470k American children who have |
| 13 | epilepsy; and |
| 14 | WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Day, which began as a grass roots initiative in 2008, is now celebrated annually |
| 15 | on March 26th in various states and countries throughout the world as an effort to reduce stigma and to improve the quality |
| 16 | of life for individuals with epilepsy. |
| 17 | NOW, THEREFORE: |
| 18 | BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the |
| 19 | Senate concurring therein, that March 26, 2022, is hereby designated as "Epilepsy Awareness Day,". The Governor is |
| 20 | requested to issue a proclamation declaring March 26, 2022, as" Epilepsy Awareness Day" and calling upon State agencies |
| 21 | and the people of Delaware to undertake suitable efforts to increase epilepsy awareness throughout the State of Delaware in |
| 22 | recognition thereof. |

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitably prepared copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Governor

24 of the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes March 26, 2022, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" and requests that the Governor issue a proclamation declaring the same. The Resolution encourages the State agencies and all Delawareans to undertake suitable efforts to increase epilepsy awareness throughout the State of Delaware.