

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing November as Epilepsy Awareness Month.

2 WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological disorder caused by irregular cell activity in
3 the brain; and

4 WHEREAS, each year, roughly 150,000 Americans are diagnosed with epilepsy;
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6 WHEREAS, 3.4 million Americans, and more than 50,000 Kentuckians, suffer
7 from epilepsy; and

8 WHEREAS, the symptoms of epilepsy can be severe and debilitating, and include
9 seizures, uncontrollable twitching, and periodic loss of awareness; and

10 WHEREAS, although epilepsy is most commonly diagnosed in those under 20
11 years old, the rate of new cases greatly increases after age 55; and

12 WHEREAS, even though awareness and advocacy have improved, epilepsy remains
13 a vastly misunderstood disorder, and epilepsy sufferers are often stigmatized and isolated;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in spite of these obstacles, epileptics can live productive lives and
16 contribute in myriad ways to daily life; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2002, National Epilepsy Awareness Month was designated in the
18 United States, and on this day the members of this august body recognize that important
19 event here in this Commonwealth; and

20 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members on this day urge all Kentuckians to ensure
21 that people with epilepsy, especially those living in the underserved parts of the
22 Commonwealth, are provided with the care that they need to live productive, fulfilling
23 lives;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
26 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby recognize

1 November as Epilepsy Awareness Month.

2 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
3 honor of all those Kentuckians who are living with epilepsy.

4 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
5 copy of this Resolution to Representative Cherlynn Stevenson.