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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Epilepsy Awareness Month, November 2018

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize November 2018 as 2
Epilepsy Awareness Month; and 3

WHEREAS, Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological 4
disease in the United States. A chronic condition of the brain, it 5
is characterized by recurring seizures, which can occur as 6
full-body convulsion, brief muscle jerks, unconscious behaviors, 7
or what appears to be a lapse of attention, and they can happen up 8
to several times per day. It is estimated that 3.4 million people 9
in the United States live with epilepsy, affecting more people 10
than those diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, Parkinson's 11
disease, multiple sclerosis, and cerebral palsy combined; and 12

WHEREAS, One person out of twenty-six will develop epilepsy 13
at some time in their life, and society needs to be educated about 14
the disease so that individuals who are diagnosed can live free of 15
discrimination. Although many people can control their seizures 16
with medication, more research can help accelerate the creation of 17
new therapies; and 18

WHEREAS, Designated by Senate Bill 243 in 2008, Epilepsy 19
Awareness Month can undoubtedly be a benefit to those who suffer 20
from, or who are at risk for, the ailment, as well as to the 21
families and friends of these individuals, and it can offer them 22
help, support, and encouragement in the fight against this 23

disease. All those taking part in this annual observance are 24
deserving of high praise; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 26
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 27
November 2018 as Epilepsy Awareness Month; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 29
authenticated copies of this Resolution to Empowering Epilepsy and 30
to the news media of Ohio. 31