

IN RECOGNITION OF EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

NOVEMBER 2025

- WHEREAS,** EPILEPSY IS A BRAIN DISORDER CHARACTERIZED BY RECURRENT AND UNPROVOKED SEIZURES THAT CAN AFFECT ANYONE, AT ANY AGE, ANY TIME. IT IS A SPECTRUM DISEASE COMPRISED OF MANY DIAGNOSES, EXPERIENCES AND INCLUDES A WIDE RANGE OF SEIZURE TYPES, COMORBIDITIES, CONTROL, SEVERITY, AND OUTCOMES VARYING FROM PERSON TO-PERSON; AND
- WHEREAS,** EPILEPSY IS THE FOURTH MOST COMMON NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER; APPROXIMATELY 3.4 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES LIVE WITH ACTIVE EPILEPSY. 426,000 FLORIDIANS LIVE WITH EPILEPSY, INCLUDING 88,000 CHILDREN IN FLORIDA, AND GREATER EDUCATION AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO CARE IS NEEDED IN SCHOOLS, WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PASSING SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS LEGISLATION NATIONWIDE; AND
- WHEREAS,** PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY NEED ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, COMPREHENSIVE, PHYSICIAN-DIRECTED AND PERSON CENTERED HEALTHCARE. WHILE PROTECTIONS EXIST IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND RELATED CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY STILL ENCOUNTER DISCRIMINATION IN AREAS INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOUSING; AND
- WHEREAS,** EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH IS A NATIONWIDE EFFORT IN NOVEMBER FOR EPILEPSY ALLIANCE FLORIDA TO RAISE AWARENESS AND CHANGE THE CONVERSATION AROUND EPILEPSY, SEIZURES, AND SIDE EFFECTS, AS WELL AS TO IMPROVE AND SAVE LIVES THROUGH CARE, ADVOCACY, RESEARCH AND NEW THERAPIES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION; AND
- WHEREAS,** THROUGH ACTION TOGETHER ON EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH AND DURING OTHER AWARENESS INITIATIVES INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL EPILEPSY DAY, EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY, AND BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK - AND ANY DAY OF THE YEAR - IT IS IMPORTANT TO INCREASE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT EPILEPSIES AND SEIZURE FIRST AID AND CHANGE THE WAY PEOPLE THINK ABOUT EPILEPSY AND SEIZURES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD ENCOURAGES HOLLYWOOD RESIDENTS TO TAKE ACTION TOGETHER TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES OF LIVING WITH EPILEPSY AND TO ACCELERATE THERAPIES TO HELP STOP SEIZURES, FIND CURES AND SAVE LIVES; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2025, AS:

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2025, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR IDELMA QUINTANA
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
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