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House Resolution

A resolution designating November 2025 as "Epilepsy Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, epilepsy, a brain disorder characterized by recurring and unprovoked seizures, can affect people of every gender, race, and age at any time, and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people with epilepsy face serious barriers to health care access in this country because compared to those without epilepsy, people with epilepsy are less likely to be able to afford medication, specialty care, dental care, and vision care and are also less likely to find transportation and health care providers and specialists, and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder in the world, afflicting approximately 3 million adults age 18 and older and 456,000 children age 17 and younger in the United States, and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 people with the disorder live in Florida, the highest concentration of people with epilepsy in the nation, and

WHEREAS, people with epilepsy are up to three times more likely than the general population to suffer premature death, and

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25 WHEREAS, 25 percent of epilepsy cases are potentially
26 preventable with adequate preventive measures and care, such as
27 perinatal care during pregnancy; control of high blood pressure,
28 diabetes, and obesity; and measures to reduce cardiovascular
29 risk factors, and

30 WHEREAS, since treatment of this disorder with appropriate
31 medication could control seizures in 70 percent of people with
32 epilepsy, awareness of this widespread brain disease is of the
33 utmost importance, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36 Florida:

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38 That the month of November 2025 is designated as "Epilepsy
39 Awareness Month" in Florida.