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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating November 2026 as "Epilepsy  
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, people with epilepsy are up to three times more  
23 likely than the general population to suffer premature death,  
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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 2026 is designated as "Epilepsy  
39 Awareness Month" in Florida.