

Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

SCR 11 (Cervantes) – As Amended January 30, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Epilepsy Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims November 2025 as Epilepsy Awareness Month; and, calls upon all Californians to recommit their communities to increasing awareness and understanding of those living with epilepsy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Epilepsy is a disease characterized by an enduring predisposition to generate epileptic seizures and by the neurobiological, cognitive, psychological, and social consequences of this condition.
- 2) Epilepsy is a condition of the brain causing seizures. A seizure is a disruption of the electrical communication between neurons. A person is said to have epilepsy if they experience two or more unprovoked seizures separated by at least 24 hours or if the person experiences one seizure and is at a high risk of having more.
- 3) There are 150,000 new cases of epilepsy in the United States each year. However, seizures may occur more frequently in certain age groups, including in the very young and older people, in people of certain races, and in certain areas of the world.
- 4) One in 26 people will develop epilepsy during their lifetime, and people with certain conditions may be at greater risk for developing epilepsy.
- 5) It is important that people understand what a seizure looks like and what to do if they see someone having a seizure. The more familiar people are with epilepsy, the less people living with the condition have to fear discrimination, worry about receiving improper first aid, or keep their epilepsy hidden.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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