

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month; epilepsy can affect anyone, at any age, at any time; often seizures first develop during the pre-school and elementary school years; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological condition caused by sudden brief changes in the brain's electrical balance; when there are excess electrical discharges in the brain, seizures occur; seizures can alter awareness, physical movements, consciousness or actions and generally last from a few seconds to a few minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania (EFWCP) is a private, non-profit service organization providing public education and supportive services to individuals and families affected by epilepsy/seizure disorders; the organization has a mission to lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome challenges created by epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, one in 26 Americans will develop epilepsy in their lifetime; more Americans, young and old alike, suffer from epilepsy than Americans with Parkinson's disease, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and muscular dystrophy combined; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is fortunate to have the services of the EFWCP in our region; the staff and volunteers of the EFWCP, serving 49 counties in our Commonwealth, have assisted many of our residents in a time of great need; their dedication and generosity are commended; this month, and throughout the year, we join with EFWCP to promote awareness and fight to stop seizures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as "National Epilepsy Awareness Month" in Allegheny County. In support of all those affected by epilepsy, the Courthouse will be bathed in purple light throughout the month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 2nd day of November, 2015.

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