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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 16, 2016, AS "EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY"**

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, Edwards, Corvese, Azzinaro, and McNamara

Date Introduced: April 26, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The health and safety of all Rhode Islanders is important to the happiness,  
2 prosperity and well-being of our state's families and communities; and

3           WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent, unprovoked  
4 seizures; and

5           WHEREAS, Although epilepsy can occur at any age, it is most likely to occur among  
6 children younger than 2 years of age and among adults older than 65; and

7           WHEREAS, There are 150,000 new cases of epilepsy in the United States each year; and

8           WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, one out of every 26 people, with a total of 13,000 people,  
9 are diagnosed and living with epilepsy; and

10          WHEREAS, Though many people with epilepsy can lead normal lives, many are forced  
11 to live with uncontrollable seizures due to insufficient treatment options; and

12          WHEREAS, It is critical that all those affected by epilepsy have access to quality,  
13 affordable care, and that research continues to be strongly supported; now, therefore be it

14          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
15 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims April 26, 2016, to be "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in the  
16 state. We furthermore call upon all the people of the State of Rhode Island to observe this day  
17 with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further

18          RESOLVED, That this House recognizes and fully supports the those who are living with  
19 epilepsy, as well as thanking the dedicated professionals, community groups, friends, and family  
20 members who provide the crucial and caring assistance to these individuals; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit  
2 a duly certified copy of this resolution to William Murphy, Director of Advocacy and Public  
3 Policy, Epilepsy Foundation New England.

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