

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological condition that causes seizures and affects 2,300,000 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a seizure is a disturbance in the electrical activity of the brain, and 1 in every 12 Americans will suffer at least one seizure; and

WHEREAS, 180,000 new cases of seizures and epilepsy are diagnosed each year and three percent of Americans will develop epilepsy by the time they are 75; and

WHEREAS, approximately 41 percent of people who currently have epilepsy experience persistent seizures despite the treatment they are receiving; and

WHEREAS, uncontrollable seizures in a child can create multiple problems affecting the child's development, education, socialization and daily life activities; and

WHEREAS, the social stigma surrounding epilepsy continues to fuel discrimination and isolates people who suffer from seizure disorders from mainstream life; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami designates the month of November as National Epilepsy Awareness Month to encourage residents to focus their attention and increase understanding of epilepsy and those people who suffer from it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Designation.** That the City of North Miami designates the month of November as National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

Section 2. **Support.** That the City of North Miami supports the goals and ideals of National Epilepsy Awareness Month and encourages residents to focus their attention and increase their understanding of epilepsy and those people who suffer from it.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 14th day of November, 2023.



ALIX DESULME, Ed.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR ESTIME-IRVIN

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) _____ (No)