



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 117

March 18, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives KAHL, KRUG, KOLSTE, WRIGHT, SARGENT, THIESFELDT, ZAMARRIPA, DANOU, MURPHY, SPIROS, MASON, OHNSTAD, GOYKE, BEWLEY, BERCEAU, A. OTT, RINGHAND and WACHS, cosponsored by Senators WIRCH, T. CULLEN, LEHMAN, HANSEN and HARRIS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** Purple Day for epilepsy.

2 Whereas, epilepsy is a neurological disorder producing brief disturbances in the
3 normal electrical functions of the brain that temporarily affects a person's
4 consciousness, bodily movements, or sensations, while creating long-term effects on
5 the lifestyle of individuals with epilepsy; and

6 Whereas, one in 26 people will develop epilepsy and one in 10 people will have
7 a seizure during his or her lifetime; and

8 Whereas, epilepsy can affect anyone regardless of gender, race, age, religion,
9 educational background, or socioeconomic status; and

10 Whereas, more people suffer from epilepsy than from Parkinson's disease,
11 multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and cerebral palsy combined; and

12 Whereas, epilepsy affects more than 65 million people worldwide; and

13 Whereas, although there is no known cure for epilepsy, existing drug therapy,
14 surgery, and other nonpharmacological treatments enable approximately 80 percent

1 of individuals with epilepsy to lead normal lives with no seizures or with a significant
2 reduction in seizures; and

3 Whereas, epilepsy is a complex disorder that requires further research to find
4 a cure, additional treatment options, and prevention; and

5 Whereas, the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types or to
6 respond with appropriate first aid, and

7 Whereas, the annual observance of Purple Day on March 26 advocates for the
8 rights, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons with epilepsy,
9 while raising awareness in families, professionals, and the general public to better
10 understand this lifelong disorder; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
12 proclaims March 26, 2014, as Purple Day and invites all Wisconsinites to participate
13 by wearing purple and calls upon all citizens, government agencies, public and
14 private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit their communities to
15 increasing awareness and understanding of epilepsy through education while
16 ensuring that all individuals with epilepsy lead a full and productive life; and, be it
17 further

18 ***Resolved, That*** the chief clerk of the assembly shall provide copies of this
19 resolution to the Epilepsy Foundation Heart of Wisconsin.

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