

GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 1362.01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA DECLARING NOVEMBER, 2001 AS NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Epilepsy, also known as Seizure Disorder, has afflicted mankind since the dawn of our species and has been recognized since the earliest medical writings; and

WHEREAS, as long as 400 B.C., Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, repudiated ancient beliefs that Epilepsy was a visitation from the gods and sacred or that it was a curse from the gods that people afflicted with this disorder held prophetic powers. Hippocrates believed that Epilepsy was a brain disorder; and

WHEREAS, a seizure is a sudden, brief attack of altered consciousness, motor activity or sensory phenomena. It is a sign that certain brain cells (neurons) are discharging an excessive amount of electrical impulses; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy can be caused by injury to the brain, lack of oxygen at birth, brain tumor, infection and brain hemorrhage. In sixty percent of the cases, the cause is unknown; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy can affect anyone, at any age and at any time; and

WHEREAS, more than two million Americans are afflicted with some type of Epilepsy. Of this number, 150,000 are Florida residents; and

WHEREAS, with the administration of anticonvulsant drugs, two thirds (66.66%) of those afflicted with Epilepsy are drug controlled; and

WHEREAS, lack of education about this disorder has contributed to age old myths, superstitions and prejudices; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with this disorder is sometimes worse than the disorder itself;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That November, 2001 is hereby declared to be National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

Section 2. Severability. That the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences and phrases of this Resolution but they shall remain in effect, notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 3. Conflict. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval of the Town Council.

Sponsored by Administration.

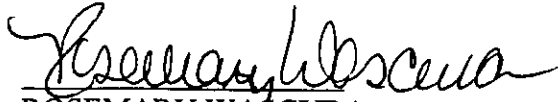
The Motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by Mayor Addicott, seconded by Councilmember Singer and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Addicott	<u>AYE</u>
Vice Mayor Singer	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Feinman	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Einstein	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Paruas	<u>AYE</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach this 16TH day of October, 2001.


MAYOR MICHAEL ADDICOTT

ATTEST:



ROSEMARY WASCURA
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY



EDWARD PAUL KREILING
TOWN ATTORNEY