

Office of the City Commission

Proclamation

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a brain disorder characterized by recurrent and unprovoked seizures that can affect anyone, at any age, any time; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a spectrum disease comprised of many diagnoses, experiences and includes a wide range of seizure types, comorbidities, control, severity, and outcomes varying from person to-person; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder; approximately 3.4 million people in the United States live with active epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, people with epilepsy need access to affordable, comprehensive, physician-directed and person centered healthcare; and

WHEREAS, 426,000 Floridians live with epilepsy, including 88,000 children in Florida, and greater education and improved access to care is needed in schools, which can be accomplished by passing a Seizure Safe Schools legislation nationwide; and

WHEREAS, while protections exist in the Americans with Disabilities Act and related civil rights laws, people with epilepsy still encounter discrimination in areas including employment, education, and housing; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort in November of the Epilepsy Foundation and Epilepsy Alliance Florida to raise awareness about and changes the conversation around epilepsy, seizures, and side effects, as well as to improve and save lives through care, advocacy, research and new therapies, and public health and education; and

WHEREAS, through action together on Epilepsy Awareness Month and during other awareness initiatives including International Epilepsy Day, Epilepsy Awareness Day, and Brain Awareness Week - and any day of the year - it is important to increase public knowledge about epilepsies and seizure first aid and change the way people think about epilepsy and seizures

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ROSS, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim November as

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

And encourage Cooper City residents to take action together and use our brains to overcome the challenges of living with the epilepsies and accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures and save lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Cooper City to be affixed this 22nd day of October, 2024.

GREG ROSS
Mayor, City of Cooper City