

STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; epilepsy is a common, recurrent, unprovoked seizure disorder predominantly in young children and teens, and a lack of knowledge about seizures and epilepsy can lead to isolation, teasing, and sometimes intimidation from peers; and

WHEREAS; although the symptoms of a seizure may affect any part of the body, the electrical events that produce the symptoms occur in the brain; and

WHEREAS; having seizures can also affect one's safety, relationships, work, driving, and more and the seizures may be related to a brain injury or a family tendency, but often the cause is completely unknown; and

WHEREAS; one-in-100 people have a diagnosis of epilepsy, making it the fourth most common neurological condition affecting Americans today and there are more than 50,000 Wisconsinites living with the condition; and

WHEREAS; one-in-26 will be diagnosed with epilepsy at some point in their lifetime and new cases of epilepsy are most common among children under the age of two and adults over the age of 55; and

WHEREAS; one-third of people with epilepsy cannot control their seizures with medicine, and the quality of life for people with epilepsy can be improved with greater understanding and acceptance of persons with epilepsy among their peers;

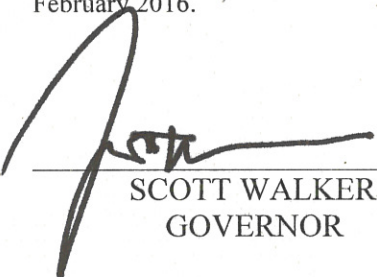
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of March 26 – April 1, 2016 as

EPILEPSY AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 1st day of February 2016.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State