

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-95**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, DECLARING NOVEMBER 2002 AS NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH; AND PROVIDING FOR 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 and 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, a sign that certain brain cells (neurons) are discharging an excessive amount of electrical impulses; and

**WHEREAS**, epilepsy can be cause by injury to the brain, lack of oxygen at birth, brain tumor, infection and brain hemorrhage and in sixty percent of the cases, the cause is unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, Epilepsy can affect anyone at any age and at any time, and more than two million Americans of which 150,000 are Florida residents, are afflicted with some type of Epilepsy; 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 the disorder is sometimes worse than the disorder itself, and

**WHEREAS**, people who have Epilepsy make reliable and conscientious workers in job performance, productivity, safety, cooperation and attendance, and

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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