

Proclamation Epilepsy Awareness Month

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy and seizures affect three million people across the United States, including many children and adults in the state of California diagnosed with recurring seizures; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy can affect anyone no matter what their gender, race, age, religion, education background or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder among adults in the United States, behind Alzheimer's disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of the American population will experience a seizure in their lifetime; three percent will develop epilepsy by age 75; and

WHEREAS, while epilepsy cannot currently be cured, many of those diagnosed with epilepsy can control their seizures with modern medicine and surgical techniques; and

WHEREAS, people with epilepsy continue to face social stigmatization and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, National Epilepsy Awareness Month is designed to increase the awareness of the disorder in an effort to encourage more Americans to understand the effects of epilepsy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Randy Pope, Mayor of the City of Oakley, do hereby proclaim the month of November as Epilepsy Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

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Randy Pope, Mayor