

PROCLAMATION



State of Florida
Collier County
City of Marco Island

NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

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 the fourth most common neurological disorder; and 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; 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, National Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort in November for Epilepsy Alliance Florida to raise awareness about epilepsy and to change 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 National 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, the City Council of the City of Marco Island proclaims the month of November 2025 as **National Epilepsy Awareness Month**.

DONE AND ORDERED this 3rd day of November 2025.

Eric Brechnitz, Chairman

ATTEST

Joan Taylor, City Clerk