

**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 ago 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. Hippocrates believed that Epilepsy was a brain disorder; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Epilepsy can affect anyone, at any age and at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, more than two million Americans are afflicted with some type of Epilepsy, of this number, 150,000 are Florida residents; 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**, people who have Epilepsy make reliable and conscientious worker in job performance, productivity, safety, cooperation and attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, studies carried out in the United States over the past thirty years have indicated that of all disabilities, **EPILEPSY** poses the greatest barrier to employment, with unemployment rates estimated to fall between twenty and twenty-five percent.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2002 as:

**“NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of November, 2002.

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**Harry Venis, Mayor**