

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 1408

Offered by Senator Don Harmon

WHEREAS, KCNQ2 Encephalopathy is a form of neonatal epileptic encephalopathy, first recognized in 2011, that typically presents with seizures within the first week of life; and

WHEREAS, The number of undiagnosed children with KCNQ2 Epileptic Encephalopathy is predicted to be significantly higher than the number of those currently diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Diagnoses of KCNQ2 Encephalopathy can take months or years and are often missed; and

WHEREAS, Seizures in children with KCNQ2 Encephalopathy are often difficult to treat and can lead to lifelong developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, Children with KCNQ2 Encephalopathy are at a greater risk for sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP); and

WHEREAS, Physicians believe early diagnosis and proper treatment can lead to better outcomes for children with KCNQ2 Encephalopathy; and

WHEREAS, Researchers and physicians at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago are on the forefront of

research and treatment of children with KCNQ2 Encephalopathy;
and

WHEREAS, The Jack Pribaz Foundation, located in Wheaton, is one of the few 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the world dedicated to KCNQ2 Encephalopathy research and awareness; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March 1-7, 2018 as KCNQ2 Encephalopathy Awareness Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge parents, physicians, and other health care professionals to observe this week by educating themselves on the symptoms, diagnoses, treatment, and impact of KCNQ2 Encephalopathy and to join with the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and the Jack Pribaz Foundation in supporting programs of research and education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Division of Pediatric Epilepsy and the Jack Pribaz Foundation.

Adopted by the Senate, March 1, 2018.



President of the Senate



Secretary of the Senate