



Memorandum

**TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

FROM: Councilmember
Foley District 9

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: October 28, 2020

Approved *Pam Foley*

Date 10/28/2020

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RECOMMENDATION

1. Retroactively Approve November 1st as International Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Awareness Day and Recognize November 2020 as Epilepsy Awareness Month Sponsored by District 9 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event; and
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event; and
3. Place the item on the Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 Council Agenda for action.

BACKGROUND

Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome is a rare and severe form of epilepsy. This special event memorandum will allow us to illuminate San Jose City Hall in the colors of green and purple on November 1st in conjunction with International Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Awareness Day. November 1st also kicks off the first day of epilepsy awareness month in the United States. Purple is the color of epilepsy awareness and green is the awareness color for Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome.

Epilepsy impacts nearly 50 million individuals worldwide. Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome is one of the most severe and debilitating forms of epilepsy that first appears in childhood and persists into adulthood. Individuals living with LGS often suffer from frequent and multiple seizure types daily, cognitive impairment, regression, and an increased chance of sudden unexpected death by epilepsy.