



COUNCIL AGENDA: 11/10/2020

ITEM: 2.8

FILE NO: 20-1482

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** November 10, 2020

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**SUBJECT: Retroactive Approval of November 1, 2020 as International Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Awareness Day and Recognize November 2020 as Epilepsy Awareness Month Sponsored by Council District 9 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event.**

## **Recommendation**

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on November 4, 2020:

(a) Retroactively approve the November 1, 2020 as International Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Awareness Day and Recognize November 2020 as Epilepsy Awareness Month as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.

(b) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.

[Rules Committee referral 11/4/2020- Item G.1.b]



## Memorandum

**TO: RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

**FROM:** Councilmember  
Foley District 9

**SUBJECT: SEE BELOW**

**DATE:** October 28, 2020

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Approved *Pam Foley*

Date 10/28/2020

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**SUBJECT: 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**

### **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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.