

# Proclamation

## *For Epilepsy Awareness Month*

**Whereas**, Epilepsy is a neurological condition that causes recurrent, unprovoked seizures. It can occur at any age, but it is most common in children under 2 and adults over 65; and

**Whereas**, Epilepsy is the 4<sup>th</sup> most common neurological condition. It kills more people each year than breast cancer; and there is currently no cure for it; and

**Whereas**, More than 3,000,000 Americans live with Epilepsy, and an additional 200,000 Americans are diagnosed with it each year. Every 4 minutes a child is born with this condition; and

**Whereas**, approximately 60% of people with Epilepsy can lead normal lives, but the rest are forced to live with uncontrollable seizures due to insufficient treatment options; and

**Whereas**, it is critical that all those affected by Epilepsy have access to quality, affordable care, and that research continues to be strongly supported.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor of Thomasville, North Carolina, do hereby recognize November, 2019 as:

### ***EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH***

and I encourage citizens to spread understanding, education and compassion in order to improve the lives of people living with epilepsy and their families in our community.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

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Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor