

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES
NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2013**

- WHEREAS:** Epilepsy is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures; and
- WHEREAS:** Epilepsy and seizures affect three million people across the United States, including some children and adults in Clayton County, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder among adults after Alzheimer's disease and stroke; and
- WHEREAS:** Ten percent of the American population will experience a seizure in their lifetime with three percent developing epilepsy by the age of 75; and
- WHEREAS:** While there is currently no cure for epilepsy, many of those diagnosed with epilepsy can control their seizures with medication and surgical techniques; and
- WHEREAS:** People with epilepsy continue to face social stigmatization and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS:** National Epilepsy Awareness Month is designed to increase the awareness of the disorder as well as to encourage more Americans to learn and understand the effects of epilepsy; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2013 as National Epilepsy Awareness Month in Clayton County, Georgia. I urge all citizens to be proactive in learning more about the common signs and symptoms of epilepsy while locating treatment options that may assist individuals, families, and communities that are impacted by epilepsy.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 1st day of November in the year two thousand thirteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman