

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2025 SUDEP AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 731, 134th General Assembly, designates every October 26th as "Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Awareness Day". This Bill is also known as "Brenna's Law", in honor of the late Brenna Brossard of North Olmstead, Ohio who passed away from SUDEP on January 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control indicates that one (1) in one thousand (1,000) people with Epilepsy dies from SUDEP each year; and

WHEREAS, SUDEP is the sudden, unexpected death of a person with Epilepsy, who is otherwise healthy and no other cause of death can be found, such as trauma or drowning. SUDEP most often occurs during or after a generalized seizure, and usually occurs at nighttime when it is often unwitnessed; and

WHEREAS, when a patient is properly informed about SUDEP, they can take steps to mitigate the risk of it occurring. These steps include taking anti-epileptic medications, prioritizing sleep, keeping regular doctor's visits, avoiding alcohol and recreational drugs, identifying and avoiding seizure triggers, and utilizing seizure detection and alert devices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wickliffe wished to designate the month of October, 2025 as "SUDEP Awareness Month" in an effort to bring increased awareness and prevention of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE,
COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:**

SECTION 1. That October, 2025 is hereby declared SUDEP Awareness Month in the City of Wickliffe. The citizens of our community are urged to become involved in the awareness of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety of the city and its inhabitants, and for the further reason that it is necessary to timely recognize SUDEP Awareness Month; wherefore, this resolution, provided it receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: September 22nd, 2025

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for approval on
September 22nd, 2025

First reading suspended

Second reading suspended

Third reading September 22nd/2025

[Signature]
Council President – Presiding Officer

Approved: September 22nd, 2025

[Signature]
Mayor

Passed September 22nd 2025

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I, Sandra J. Fink, Clerk of Council of Wickliffe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 2025-14 enacted by Council at its regular meeting on September 22, 2025.
Sandra J. Fink, Clerk of Council