

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-52  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Bodnar

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS,  
RESEARCH, AND PREVENTION EFFORTS FOR  
SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY (SUDEP)**

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a common neurological disorder affecting more than 3.4 million people in the United States, and nearly one-third of these individuals live with uncontrolled seizures; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) is defined as the sudden, unexpected, non-traumatic, and non-drowning death of a person with epilepsy, with or without evidence of a preceding seizure, and where a postmortem examination does not identify a cause of death; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control indicates that 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy dies from SUDEP each year.

WHEREAS, SUDEP is the leading cause of epilepsy-related death, yet public and medical community awareness remains tragically low, preventing essential risk reduction education from reaching those most vulnerable; and

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

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 731, 134th General Assembly, designates every October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Olmsted, Ohio who passed away from SUDEP on January 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that its support for increasing public awareness, research and prevention efforts related to SUDEP is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens of Mayfield Village and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, THAT:

SECTION 1. Mayfield Village recognizes SUDEP as a serious and life-threatening condition associated with epilepsy and stands in support of increasing public awareness, research

