

NATIONAL DECLARATION AGAINST EPILEPSY

8 September 2001

At the "Living with Epilepsy" Symposium of the 1st National Epilepsy Congress of the Philippine League Against Epilepsy held in Manila on September 8, 2001, a mixed group composed of 297 health care professionals, patient's, their families and caregivers signed the ff. declaration:

Being aware of the current state of epilepsy care in the Philippines, we urge the government to address the following concerns:

1. PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH EPILEPSY THROUGH LEGISLATION;
2. ENSURE THE AFFORDABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUGS;
AND
3. SUPPORT THE INFORMATION DRIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON EPILEPSY.

Signed this 8th day of September in the year 2001 at the Westin Philippine Plaza during the 1st national Epilepsy Congress.