V. PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 230 ON AUGUST 24, 2002 DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER EVERY YEAR AS "THE NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK"

The Campaign Objectives

- To increase public and professional awareness of epilepsy as a universal and treatable brain disorder
- To raise epilepsy to a new plane of acceptability in the public domain
- To promote professional education about epilepsy
- To identify the needs of people with epilepsy at national and regional levels.
- To encourage government and the Department of Health to address the needs of people with epilepsy, including awareness, education, diagnosis, treatment, care, services and prevention

The PAVES Project since 2002

Public Awareness Volunteers for EpilepSy

PLAE members who are committed to implementing the National Epilepsy Campaign in their areas

PAVES hold at least 2 lay seminars in their provinces per year

PAVES help train leaders and organize patient support groups
VI. CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS WEEK FROM 2002

Why the need for Epilepsy Awareness?

Epilepsy

...is the most common serious chronic brain disorder in every country affecting some 50 million people of all ages world-wide.
...affects an estimated 800,000 Filipinos
...consultations constitute about 1/3 of total Neurology outpatient visits/year at large referrals centers and continue to be one of two most common reasons for Neurology consultations and admissions.
The lack of awareness and understanding about epilepsy leads to misconceptions and social stigma and hinders access to effective treatment.
...can have serious medical consequences and is both an economic and social burden.
...is treatable and majority of persons with epilepsy can lead normal lives, if properly and promptly diagnosed and treated.

“Awareness was the first step to conquering epilepsy”

-L. Cabral-Lim

3rd National Epilepsy Awareness Week
2004

Pinoy Olympics, 5th National Epilepsy Awareness Week
2006

Epilepsy Idol 2007 during the 6th National Epilepsy Awareness Week
THEMES FOR NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS WEEK CELEBRATIONS:

DERIVED FROM THE NATIONAL EPILEPSY CAMPAIGN, WHICH IN TURN FOLLOWED THE GLOBAL EPILEPSY CAMPAIGN

EPILEPSY OUT OF THE SHADOWS

SEIZE THE DAY

LIGTAS NA MUNDO

BUILDING TIES, BUILDING LIVES

KAALAMAN, KASAYAHAN, KABUHAYAN

ANG EPILEPSY AY DI BIRO

EPILEPSY: KAYA NATIN ‘TO!!!

EPILEPSY: TIGIL ATAKE... TULAY SA TAGUMPAY