

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

Senator Barrett, Brinks, Geiss, Moss, Santana and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize February 25, 2020, as Cochlear
2 Implant Day.

3 Whereas, Cochlear implants can greatly improve the quality of
4 life for individuals who have severe hearing loss; and

5 Whereas, In 1961, Cochlear implants were first surgically
6 implanted by Doctors House and Doyle in Los Angeles, California;
7 and

8 Whereas, Both adults and children who have severe to profound
9 hearing loss are able to receive cochlear implants. These
10 individuals are not typically helped by hearing aids and need the
11 implant to properly hear the world around them; and

1 Whereas, Trained ear, nose, and throat doctors work with
2 audiologists, psychologists, counselors, and speech-language
3 pathologists to determine the best course of action and treatment
4 for individuals who may need a cochlear implant. This team can help
5 an individual through the entire process from first consult to
6 audiologic rehabilitation after surgery; and

7 Whereas, Cochlear implants help when hearing aids cannot. When
8 bypassing damaged portions of the ear, the implants directly
9 stimulate the auditory nerve. Hearing through the implant can take
10 time to get used to, so months of therapy are typical for
11 recipients of the implant; now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
13 body recognize February 25, 2020, as Cochlear Implant Day.