

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.103

Senator Barrett 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

12 Whereas, Trained ear, nose, and throat doctors work with

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

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

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