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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the month of May 2002 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the
- 4 United States and a major cause of adult disability; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Every 53 seconds, someone in America has a stroke
- 6 and every 3.3 minutes, someone in America dies from the effects
- 7 of a stroke; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Strokes occur suddenly, resulting from several
- 9 factors: a blood clot that blocks circulation, a buildup of
- 10 fatty deposits that narrow arteries or a rupture of a blood
- 11 vessel in the brain; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Smoking, diabetes and stress may contribute to

- 1 strokes, and strokes can often be avoided by minimizing these
- 2 risk factors; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Stroke symptoms include numbness, weakness, tingling
- 4 in extremities or the side of the face, momentary loss of sight
- 5 in one or both eyes or difficulty speaking; and
- 6 WHEREAS, These symptoms demand immediate medical attention;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Stroke is a devastating threat to personal well-
- 9 being, and all citizens must take the time to study and discuss
- 10 factors that contribute to this disabling and often deadly
- 11 affliction; therefore be it
- 12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May
- 13 2002 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage
- 14 all citizens to become familiar with stroke prevention and the
- 15 minimization and avoidance of risk factors associated with
- 16 strokes.