THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 65 Session of 2001

INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, MOWERY, WENGER, HELFRICK, THOMPSON, GREENLEAF, LAVALLE, MUSTO, TOMLINSON, KUKOVICH, ARMSTRONG, ERICKSON, ORIE, COSTA, TILGHMAN, ROBBINS, LEMMOND, D. WHITE, DENT, WAUGH, WAGNER, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, LOGAN AND EARLL, APRIL 30, 2001

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 30, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 2001 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in
2   Pennsylvania.

3   WHEREAS, Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the

4 United States and occur in more than 600,000 Americans each

5 year; and

6   WHEREAS, Strokes are a leading cause of disability in adults,

7 with more than 4.5 million stroke survivors today; and

8   WHEREAS, The majority of Americans are not aware of their

9 risk factors for a stroke or the signs and symptoms of an

10 impending stroke; and

11   WHEREAS, Symptoms of stroke include sudden numbness or

12 weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the

13 body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding;

14 sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble

15 walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden

16 severe headache with no known cause; and

1   WHEREAS, Stroke kills more women each year than breast

2 cancer, and the stroke death rate is greater among African

3 Americans and senior citizens; and

4   WHEREAS, Stroke leads to the death and disability of more

5 than 25,000 citizens of this Commonwealth each year; and

6   WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed to

7 treat and ease the severity and damaging effects of strokes, but

8 much more research is needed; therefore be it

9   RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 2001 as "Stroke

10 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

11   RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all citizens of this

12 Commonwealth to recognize the signs, symptoms and risk factors

13 associated with stroke so that we might begin to reduce the

14 devastating effects of stroke on our population.