
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 5, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 3, 2003, as "Childhood Stroke Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Neonatal strokes, strokes occurring before or after
4 birth, occur at the rate of one in 4,000 births each year, with
5 12% of infants dying due to stroke; and

6 WHEREAS, Pediatric strokes occurring in children under two
7 years of age account for 25% of all childhood strokes; and

8 WHEREAS, Causes of stroke include inherited clotting
9 disorders, congenital heart disease, sickle cell disease,
10 prematurity and head trauma; and

11 WHEREAS, Symptoms of childhood stroke include seizure, coma,
12 apnea, poor feeding, infantile spasms, very specific hand

1 preference, delays in gross motor development, tightness or
2 restricted movement in large joints or language delays with some
3 symptoms appearing years later; and

4 WHEREAS, More than half of child stroke victims have serious,
5 long-term neurological disabilities, including paralysis of one
6 side of the body, seizures, speech defects, vision problems,
7 learning difficulties and behavioral problems which may require
8 ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

9 WHEREAS, Since very little is known about the cause,
10 treatment and prevention of childhood stroke, only through
11 medical research can effective treatment and prevention
12 strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

13 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and early treatment of childhood
14 stroke are essential for a complete recovery and prevention of
15 recurrence; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 3,
17 2003, as "Childhood Stroke Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all citizens
20 to support the efforts, programs, services and advocacy the
21 Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association provides as it
22 strives to enhance public awareness of childhood stroke.