

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2012 as "American Stroke Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term  
4 disability and the fourth leading cause of death in the United  
5 States, killing more than 134,000 people nationwide and more  
6 than 6,700 people in this Commonwealth each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 24.9%  
8 between 2010 and 2030, and the direct medical costs for treating  
9 stroke are expected to increase by 238%, from \$28.3 billion in  
10 2010 to \$95.6 billion by 2030; and

11 WHEREAS, Warning signs 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

17 WHEREAS, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and

1 warning signs for stroke than in the past, but one-third of  
2 adults cannot identify any symptoms; and

3 WHEREAS, The signature action for "American Stroke Month" in  
4 2012 is to reach out to a young audience between 10 and 17  
5 years of age through music and social media to educate them  
6 about stroke, warning signs and risk factors and to engage them  
7 in sharing the message with their parents and grandparents; and

8 WHEREAS, Through the American Stroke Association's "Power to  
9 End Stroke" awareness campaign, the "31 Days of Power" activity  
10 will empower African Americans, who are at particularly high  
11 risk of stroke, to reduce their stroke risk, recognize warning  
12 signs and respond quickly in a stroke emergency; and

13 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed to  
14 treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes,  
15 but much more research is needed; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 2012 as "American  
17 Stroke Month" in Pennsylvania and urge the citizens of our  
18 Commonwealth to familiarize themselves with the risk factors  
19 associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms  
20 of stroke and, upon the first signs of a stroke, dial 9-1-1  
21 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the devastating  
22 effects of stroke on our population.