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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WILLIAMS, OCTOBER 16, 2020

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 16, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 29, 2020, as "World Stroke Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is committed to  
4 recognizing stroke awareness and the detrimental effect strokes  
5 have on Pennsylvanians; and

6 WHEREAS, A stroke is the interruption of blood supply to the  
7 brain; and

8 WHEREAS, About 87% of all strokes are ischemic, in which  
9 blood flow to the brain is blocked; and

10 WHEREAS, Every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a  
11 stroke, and every 4 minutes someone dies of a stroke; and

12 WHEREAS, Strokes are the fifth leading cause of death and the  
13 leading cause of disability in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Signs of a stroke include drooping of the face,  
15 sudden arm weakness, speech difficulty, vision problems, trouble  
16 walking and a severe headache with no known cause; and

1       WHEREAS, Immediate medical care for a stroke improves  
2 outcomes as nearly 2 million brain cells die every minute a  
3 stroke goes untreated; and

4       WHEREAS, Stroke-related costs in the United States were  
5 nearly \$46 billion between 2014 and 2015, which include the cost  
6 of health care services, medicine to treat a stroke and missed  
7 days of work by the person who suffered the stroke; and

8       WHEREAS, A stroke reduces mobility in more than half of  
9 stroke survivors 65 years of age and over; therefore be it

10       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
11 29, 2020, as "World Stroke Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
12 further

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge education on  
14 the signs and risk factors of a stroke and urge action to  
15 improve access to the appropriate level of care for stroke  
16 patients, particularly those afflicted with emergent large  
17 vessel occlusion, including access to therapies and supportive  
18 services.