
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 30, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2004 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every 45 seconds someone in the United States
4 experiences a stroke; and

5 WHEREAS, Stroke is the third leading cause of death in
6 America, killing 160,000 people annually, and a leading cause of
7 adult disability; and

8 WHEREAS, There are more than 4.8 million stroke survivors in
9 the United States, two-thirds of whom live with moderate to
10 severe disabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States will spend an estimated \$53.6

1 billion in direct and indirect costs on stroke in 2004; and

2 WHEREAS, Stroke symptoms include sudden trouble talking,
3 walking or seeing and sudden, severe headache with no known
4 cause; and

5 WHEREAS, Stroke is one of the most preventable of all life-
6 threatening health problems, yet many Americans cannot identify
7 a single symptom of stroke and many do not discuss stroke risks
8 with their primary health care providers; and

9 WHEREAS, Public awareness of stroke risks and warning signs
10 is essential to prevention and early treatment; and

11 WHEREAS, Prompt treatment of stroke can save lives and reduce
12 disability; and

13 WHEREAS, National Stroke Association observes "National
14 Stroke Awareness Month" in May and urges people to take charge
15 of their health by asking their doctors about stroke risks and
16 adopting healthy lifestyles; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 month of May 2004 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania
19 and encourage all citizens to ask their doctors about stroke
20 prevention and warning signs.