
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 1, 2010, as "Childhood Stroke Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania; and urging citizens to support the research and
3 educational endeavors of Pediatric Stroke Network, Inc.

4 WHEREAS, The incidence of stroke is not restricted merely to
5 adults but also occurs in children before, during and after
6 birth; and

7 WHEREAS, Pediatric strokes affect one in every 3,000 to 4,000
8 children, including children in utero up to 18 years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, At least one out of ten children with ischemic
10 stroke will have a recurrence within five years, and up to a
11 third of children who have had a stroke will have a recurrent
12 stroke; and

13 WHEREAS, Acute ischemic stroke has been estimated to occur in
14 three in 10,000 births in infants; and

15 WHEREAS, Nine percent of children who suffer strokes will
16 die; and

17 WHEREAS, More than half of children who suffer a stroke will

1 develop lifelong cognitive or motor disability in addition to,
2 but not limited to, long-term neurological disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, Children suffering a stroke may have paralysis of
4 one side of the body as well as seizures, speech and vision
5 problems and learning difficulties that may require ongoing
6 physical, speech and occupational therapy in addition to
7 surgeries such as orthopedic and brain surgery; and

8 WHEREAS, Very little is known about childhood stroke, and
9 treatment and prevention of childhood stroke is minimal; and

10 WHEREAS, Only through medical research and education may
11 effective treatment and prevention techniques be developed so
12 that childhood stroke can be identified and prevented; and

13 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of childhood stroke is imperative
14 for implementing early intervention through services such as
15 speech, and occupational and physical therapy as well as
16 assisting in the prevention of recurrence; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 1, 2010, as
18 "Childhood Stroke Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all citizens to support the
21 efforts, programs, education, services and advocacy that
22 Pediatric Stroke Network, Inc., provides as it strives to
23 enhance public awareness of childhood stroke.