
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 99 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, APRIL 27, 2011

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 27, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2011 as "American Stroke Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term
4 disability and the third leading cause of death in the United
5 States, killing more than 136,000 people nationwide and more
6 than 6,600 Pennsylvanians each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or
8 weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the
9 body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding;
10 sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble
11 walking, dizziness and loss of balance or coordination; and
12 sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

13 WHEREAS, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and
14 warning signs for stroke than in the past, but two in five
15 adults still cannot identify any symptoms; and

16 WHEREAS, One message of "American Stroke Month 2011" is "Take
17 2 to Save 2" to encourage people to take two minutes to save two
18 lives by sending two health messages to two people that they

1 know who smoke, are overweight, have high blood pressure, have
2 diabetes or have a family history of heart disease or stroke and
3 are therefore at increased risk of being disabled or dying from
4 a stroke; and

5 WHEREAS, The other message of this month is to promote the
6 program "Power To End Stroke" to reduce stroke in African
7 Americans, who are at particularly high risk of the disease, by
8 empowering them to reduce their risk, recognize the warning
9 signs and respond quickly; and

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

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 2011 as "American
14 Stroke Month" in Pennsylvania and urge all the citizens of this
15 Commonwealth to familiarize themselves with the risk factors
16 associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms
17 and, at the first signs of a stroke, dial 9-1-1 immediately in
18 order to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our
19 population.