

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 5, 2012, as "Childhood Stroke Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

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

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

7 WHEREAS, At least one out of ten children with ischemic  
8 stroke will have a recurrence within five years; and

9 WHEREAS, Acute ischemic stroke has been estimated to occur as  
10 much as three in ten thousand births in infants; and

11 WHEREAS, Up to a third of children who have had a stroke will  
12 have a recurrent stroke; and

13 WHEREAS, Nine percent of children who suffer strokes will  
14 die; and

15 WHEREAS, More than half of the children who suffer a stroke  
16 will develop lifelong cognitive or motor disability in addition  
17 to, but not limited to, long-term neurological disabilities; and

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

6       WHEREAS, Very little is known about childhood stroke,  
7 treatment and prevention, and only through medical research and  
8 education may effective treatment and prevention techniques be  
9 developed; and

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

14       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 5, 2012, as  
15 "Childhood Stroke Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
16 further

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