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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the
4 United States, killing nearly 133,000 individuals each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Projections show that by 2030, an additional 3.4
6 million adults 18 years of age and older in the United States
7 will have had a stroke, a 20.5% increase in prevalence from
8 2012, with the highest increase, 29%, projected for Hispanic
9 men; and

10 WHEREAS, Recent guidelines redefined high blood pressure as a
11 reading of 130/80 and nearly one-half of all adults in the
12 United States now have high blood pressure, the most common
13 controllable cause of stroke; and

14 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed to
15 treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes
16 when administered as soon as possible after symptom onset; and

1 WHEREAS, One in four stroke survivors have a second stroke;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Second strokes are largely preventable with a
4 healthy lifestyle and adherence to prescribed medications; and

5 WHEREAS, The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of stroke
6 include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty and time
7 to call 911; and

8 WHEREAS, Beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning signs and
9 symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or
10 leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion,
11 trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one
12 or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance
13 or coordination and sudden severe headache with no known cause;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, During "Stroke Awareness Month" in May, and year-
16 round, the American Stroke Association's "Together to End
17 Stroke®" initiative encourages Americans to manage their blood
18 pressure, memorize and share the stroke warning signs and call
19 911 at the first sign of a stroke; and

20 WHEREAS, Much more research and education are needed to help
21 Americans prevent, treat and beat stroke; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2019 as
23 "Stroke Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all residents of this
25 Commonwealth to familiarize themselves with the risk factors
26 associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms
27 and on first sign of a stroke dial 911 immediately so that we
28 might begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our
29 population.