
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 16, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 29, 2020, as "World Stroke Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Senate is committed to recognizing stroke
4 awareness and the detrimental effect strokes have on
5 Pennsylvanians; and

6 WHEREAS, A stroke is the interruption of blood supply to the
7 brain; and

8 WHEREAS, About 87% of all strokes are ischemic, in which
9 blood flow to the brain is blocked; and

10 WHEREAS, Every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a
11 stroke, and every 4 minutes someone dies of a stroke; and

12 WHEREAS, Strokes are the fifth leading cause of death and the
13 leading cause of disability in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Signs of a stroke include drooping of the face,
15 sudden arm weakness, speech difficulty, vision problems, trouble
16 walking and a severe headache with no known cause; and

17 WHEREAS, Immediate medical care for a stroke improves
18 outcomes as nearly 2 million brain cells die every minute a

1 stroke goes untreated; and

2 WHEREAS, Stroke-related costs in the United States were
3 nearly \$46 billion between 2014 and 2015, which include the cost
4 of health care services, medicine to treat a stroke and missed
5 days of work by the person who suffered the stroke; and

6 WHEREAS, A stroke reduces mobility in more than half of
7 stroke survivors 65 years of age and over; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 29, 2020, as
9 "World Stroke Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge education on the signs and
11 risk factors of stroke and urge action to improve access to the
12 appropriate level of care for stroke patients, particularly
13 those afflicted with emergent large vessel occlusion, including
14 access to therapies and supportive services.