
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 29, 2024, as "World Stroke Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

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

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

8 WHEREAS, Approximately 87% of all strokes are ischemic, in
9 which 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

1 outcomes as nearly 2 million brain cells die every minute a
2 stroke goes untreated; and

3 WHEREAS, Stroke-related costs in the United States were
4 nearly \$56.2 billion between 2019 and 2020, which include the
5 cost of health care services, medicine to treat a stroke and
6 missed days of work by the person who suffered the stroke; and

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

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
10 29, 2024, as "World Stroke Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
11 further

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