

2003 Senate Joint Resolution 64

## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

Relating to: declaring May 12, 2004, as Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day.

Whereas, stroke is the nation's and Wisconsin's 3rd leading cause of death, and approximately 3,500 Wisconsin residents die annually from stroke and most strokes occur because of a blocked artery and time is crucial for treating such a stroke; and

Whereas, damage begins within 15 minutes, and the critical time window is less than 3 hours; and

Whereas, only 4 percent of stroke patients present to an emergency room in 3 hours, and the research is clear that too few Wisconsinites recognize the symptoms of stroke and the need to call 911 promptly; and

Whereas, prompt medical assessment and treatment can prevent or reduce damage, disability, or death from stroke in many cases; and

Whereas, delayed presentation to an emergency room is the leading roadblock to successful stroke care; and

Whereas, many organizations in Wisconsin are celebrating May 12, 2004, as Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day with the theme "Don't Stall Make the Call" and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn symptoms now; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the Wisconsin legislature, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against strokes, proclaims May 12, 2004, to be Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day in Wisconsin and urges all citizens to recognize the critical importance of learning to recognize the symptoms of stroke and calling 911 promptly.

Representative John G. Gard Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee President of the Senate

Robert J. Marchant Senate Chief Clerk

Date