

State of Wisconsin



2011 Assembly Joint Resolution 38

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: Stroke Awareness Month 2011.

Whereas, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the third-leading cause of death in the United States, killing over 136,000 people nationwide and over 2,400 residents of Wisconsin each year; and

Whereas, warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion and trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

Whereas, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and warning signs for stroke than in the past, but two in five adults still cannot identify any symptoms; and

Whereas, two initiatives for American Stroke Awareness Month 2011 are "Take 2 to Save 2," which encourages people to take two minutes to save two lives by sending two health messages to two people who may smoke, be overweight, have high blood pressure, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease or stroke, and who are at increased risk of stroke, and "Power To End Stroke," which aims to reduce stroke in African Americans, who are at particularly high risk of the disease, by empowering them to reduce their risk, recognize the warning signs, and respond quickly; and

Whereas, new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes, but much more research is needed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature does hereby proclaim May 2011 to be American Stroke Awareness Month in Wisconsin and urges all the citizens of our state to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and on first signs of a stroke dial 9-1-1 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population.

Senator Michael G. Ellis
President of the Senate

Representative Jeff Fitzgerald
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk