

## **2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24**

1	Relating to: proclaiming May as American Stroke Month.
2	Whereas, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and in
3	Wisconsin, killing about 145,000 people nationwide and about 3,000 Wisconsin
4	citizens each year; and
5	Whereas, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability with about
6	800,000 new or reoccurring strokes per year in the United States and about 16,000
7	new or reoccurring strokes per year in Wisconsin; and
8	Whereas, the actions for American Stroke Month 2009 are "Know the Stroke
9	Warning Signs and Act in Time"; educate the public and policymakers about the
LO	importance of recognizing a stroke and acting quickly during a stroke emergency;
11	and promote the program "Power To End Stroke," to reduce stroke in African
12	Americans, who are at a particularly high risk of the disease, by empowering them
13	to reduce their risks, recognize the warning signs, and respond quickly; and
14	Whereas, warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the
15	face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion and trouble

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speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden
 trouble walking, dizziness, and loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe
 headache with no known cause; and

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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, 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

9 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the Wisconsin state 10 legislature does hereby proclaim May 2009 to be American Stroke Month in 11 Wisconsin and urges all the citizens of our state to familiarize themselves with the 12 risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and 13 on first signs of a stroke dial 9–1–1 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the 14 devastating effects of stroke on our population.

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