

Reps. Lucido, Crawford, Faris, Geiss, Hoadley, Hovey-Wright, Howrylak, Hughes, Lane, LaVoy, Phelps, Potvin, Schor, Singh and Webber offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 292.

A resolution to declare May 2016 as Stroke Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and serious long-term disability in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The federal government estimates show more than \$34 billion is spent annually on strokes, including the cost of health care services, medications, and lost productivity; and

Whereas, Nearly 58 percent of Americans do not know if they are at risk for a stroke and one in three Americans cannot name any of the signs or symptoms of a stroke; and

Whereas, The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of a stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to call 9-1-1. Additional stroke warning signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, confusion, trouble speaking or difficulty understanding speech, trouble seeing in one or both eyes, trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination and severe headache with no known cause; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association urges people to lower their risk of heart disease and stroke by focusing on “Life’s Simple 7” key health factors and behaviors: managing blood pressure, controlling cholesterol, reducing blood sugar, getting active, eating better, losing weight, and stopping smoking; and

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

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 2016 as Stroke Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We urge increased public awareness of the risk factors, warning signs, and symptoms of stroke; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Michigan, and the Secretary of the Michigan Senate.