

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

Senators Bayer, Chang, McCann, Polehanki, Victory, Johnson, Wojno, Camilleri, Moss, Hertel, Singh, McMorrow, Irwin, Cavanagh, Cherry, Brinks and Geiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 2023 as Stroke Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, May is Stroke Awareness Month, a time to remember the
3 millions of people and their loved ones who have been affected by
4 one of the nation's leading causes of death and long-term
5 disability; and

6 Whereas, It is also a time to recognize the modern
7 advancements and medical innovations that are making it more
8 possible for patients to survive and regain independence following
9 a stroke; and

10 Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and

1 Prevention, nearly 800,000 people in the United States experience a
2 stroke each year; and

3 Whereas, Every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a
4 stroke, and tragically, every three and a half minutes someone dies
5 from a stroke; and

6 Whereas, A stroke impacts not only the patient, but their
7 family as they adjust to the recovery of their loved one and the
8 side effects and long-lasting symptoms of surviving a stroke; and

9 Whereas, There are two different types of strokes: an ischemic
10 stroke and a hemorrhagic stroke; and

11 Whereas, The most common type of stroke is an ischemic stroke.
12 A severe ischemic stroke, such as Emergent Large Vessel Occlusion
13 (ELVO), occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the major arteries
14 of the brain, restricting the flow of blood and oxygen and killing
15 up to two million brain cells per minute; and

16 Whereas, A hemorrhagic stroke happens when an artery in the
17 brain is ruptured and the leaked blood puts pressure on brain cells
18 and damages them; and

19 Whereas, One of the most promising advancements in treatment
20 for strokes today is mechanical thrombectomy. Also known as
21 endovascular therapy, it is a minimally invasive procedure through
22 which the blood clot responsible for the most severe form of stroke
23 is located and removed, restoring blood flow to the brain. It is
24 truly a revolutionary procedure performed by highly trained
25 neurointerventional care teams at Level 1 stroke centers located
26 throughout our state; and

27 Whereas, Studies have shown that for every five minutes saved
28 when a critical stroke patient obtains the lifesaving care they
29 need, they will experience an additional month of life without

1 disability; and now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative

3 body recognize May 2023 as Stroke Awareness Month.