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Designating May 2025 as “American Stroke Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUJÁN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating May 2025 as “American Stroke Month”.

Whereas quick identification and treatment for stroke results in a higher chance of survival and reduces recovery time for individuals experiencing a stroke;

Whereas treatment depends on the type of stroke someone is having, which must be diagnosed by a health care professional;

Whereas, when dealing with a time-sensitive medical emergency like a stroke, the right care, at the right time, at the right facility, is of the utmost importance;

Whereas a system of care allows for scientifically proven measures to be applied to every patient, every time;

Whereas, every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke;

Whereas stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth-leading cause of death in the United States, causing more than 160,000 deaths each year;

Whereas nearly ½ of adults in the United States have high blood pressure, which is a leading cause and controllable risk factor for stroke;

Whereas the “F.A.S.T.” warning signs and symptoms of stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to call 911;

Whereas, during American Stroke Month in May, and year-round, the “Together to End Stroke” initiative of the American Stroke Association strives to teach people everywhere that stroke is largely preventable, treatable, and beatable; and

Whereas more research and education is needed to help prevent and treat stroke: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 2025 as “American Stroke
3 Month”;

4 (2) recognizes and reaffirms the commitment of
5 the Federal Government and people of the United
6 States to fighting stroke—

7 (A) by promoting awareness about the
8 causes, risks, and prevention of stroke;

9 (B) by supporting research on stroke; and

10 (C) by improving access to affordable,
11 quality care to reduce long-term disability and
12 mortality;

1 (3) commends the efforts of States, territories,
2 and possessions of the United States, localities, non-
3 profit organizations, businesses and other entities,
4 and the people of the United States who support
5 American Stroke Month; and

6 (4) encourages all individuals in the United
7 States to familiarize themselves with the risk factors
8 associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs
9 and symptoms, and on first sign of a stroke, dial
10 911 immediately in order to begin to reduce the dev-
11 astating effects of stroke on the population of the
12 United States.

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