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Joint Resolution

May 11, 1989
[S.J. Res. 62]

Designating May 1989 as "National Stroke Awareness Month".

Whereas stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States;

Whereas stroke is the leading cause of adult disability in the United States;

Whereas stroke is a distinct disease of the brain and nervous system, causing paralysis and speech, perceptual, emotional, and cognitive impairment;

Whereas there is insufficient public knowledge of stroke prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation;

Whereas between five hundred thousand and six hundred thousand Americans are affected by a stroke each year;

Whereas between two million and three million American stroke survivors have not fully regained their physical and mental abilities and remain significantly disabled;

Whereas stroke is a sudden catastrophe that devastates families and routinely robs survivors and family caregivers of the most rewarding years of their lives;

Whereas stroke costs the United States between $12 and $13 billion annually in medical treatment, rehabilitation, and lost potential economic output;

Whereas the National Stroke Association's mission is to provide the means to reduce the incidence and effects of stroke through public and professional education, community service and research; and

Whereas increased national awareness of stroke may stimulate greater interest, concern, and participation by the American people and may lead to increased research and to reducing the overall impact of stroke in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 1989 is designated as "National Stroke Awareness Month" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved May 11, 1989.

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