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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DiSANTO, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, COSTA, FONTANA,  
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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 3, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 7, 2022, as "Childhood Stroke Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania; and urging residents of this Commonwealth to  
3 support programs, education, services and advocacy efforts to  
4 enhance public awareness of childhood stroke.

5 WHEREAS, The incidence of stroke is not restricted merely to  
6 adults, but also occurs in children before, during and after  
7 birth; and

8 WHEREAS, Perinatal stroke affects approximately 1 in 3,500  
9 live births; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 1% of children with perinatal stroke will  
11 have more strokes; and

12 WHEREAS, Pediatric stroke affects 25 in 100,000 newborns and  
13 12 in 100,000 children under 18 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, Pediatric stroke is the sixth leading cause of death  
15 in children; and

16 WHEREAS, Nearly 50% of children who have a stroke also have a  
17 previously identified risk factor; and

18 WHEREAS, An estimated 65% of children with perinatal stroke

1 will have a permanent neurologic deficit, which may include one-  
2 sided weakness, epilepsy, speech and language difficulties,  
3 visual impairments, learning and memory problems and behavior  
4 changes; and

5 WHEREAS, Children suffering a stroke may require ongoing  
6 physical, speech and occupational therapy and surgeries,  
7 including orthopedic surgery and brain surgery; and

8 WHEREAS, Very little is currently known about childhood  
9 stroke, and treatment and prevention of childhood stroke remain  
10 minimal; and

11 WHEREAS, Only through medical research and education may  
12 effective treatment and prevention techniques be developed so  
13 that childhood stroke can be identified and prevented; and

14 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of childhood stroke is imperative  
15 for implementing early intervention services, including  
16 physical, speech and occupational therapy and assistance in the  
17 prevention of recurrence; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 7, 2022, as  
19 "Childhood Stroke Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents of this Commonwealth  
22 to support programs, education, services and advocacy efforts to  
23 enhance public awareness of childhood stroke.