



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

May 6, 2011 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, S. COGGS, COWLES, KEDZIE, LASSA, RISSER, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives KNODL, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, BROOKS, HEBL, HINTZ, JACQUE, JORGENSEN, A. OTT, PETRYK, RIPP, STRACHOTA, WYNN and ZIEGELBAUER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** Stroke Awareness Month 2011.

2 Whereas, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the
3 third-leading cause of death in the United States, killing over 136,000 people
4 nationwide and over 2,400 residents of Wisconsin each year; and

5 Whereas, warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the
6 face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion and trouble
7 speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden
8 trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe
9 headache with no known cause; and

10 Whereas, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and warning signs for
11 stroke than in the past, but two in five adults still cannot identify any symptoms; and

12 Whereas, two initiatives for American Stroke Awareness Month 2011 are "Take
13 2 to Save 2," which encourages people to take two minutes to save two lives by
14 sending two health messages to two people who may smoke, be overweight, have high
15 blood pressure, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease or stroke, and who are

1 at increased risk of stroke, and “Power To End Stroke,” which aims to reduce stroke
2 in African Americans, who are at particularly high risk of the disease, by
3 empowering them to reduce their risk, recognize the warning signs, and respond
4 quickly; and

5 Whereas, new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and
6 minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes, but much more research is
7 needed; now, therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
9 legislature does hereby proclaim May 2011 to be American Stroke Awareness Month
10 in Wisconsin and urges all the citizens of our state to familiarize themselves with the
11 risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and
12 on first signs of a stroke dial 9-1-1 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the
13 devastating effects of stroke on our population.

14 (END)