
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 6, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 2013 as "Childhood Stroke Awareness Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The incidence of stroke is not restricted to adults,
4 but occurs in children before, during and after birth; and

5 WHEREAS, Pediatric strokes affect one in every 3,000 to 4,000
6 children, including children in utero up to 18 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, At least one out of ten children with ischemic
8 stroke will have a recurrence within five years; and

9 WHEREAS, Acute ischemic stroke has been estimated to occur as
10 much as three in ten thousand births in infants; and

11 WHEREAS, Up to a third of children who have had a stroke will
12 have a recurrent stroke; and

13 WHEREAS, Nine percent of children who suffer strokes will
14 die; and

15 WHEREAS, More than half of the children who suffer a stroke
16 will develop lifelong cognitive or motor disability in addition

1 to, but not limited to, long-term neurological disabilities; and

2 WHEREAS, Children suffering a stroke may have paralysis of
3 one side of the body, seizures, speech and vision problems and
4 learning difficulties that may require ongoing physical, speech
5 and occupational therapy in addition to surgeries, including
6 orthopedic and brain surgery; and

7 WHEREAS, Very little is known about childhood stroke,
8 treatment and prevention, and only through medical research and
9 education may effective treatment and prevention techniques be
10 developed; and

11 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of childhood stroke is essential for
12 implementing early intervention through services such as speech,
13 occupational and physical therapy, as well as assisting in the
14 prevention of recurrence; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 2013 as "Childhood
16 Stroke Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all citizens to support the
18 efforts, programs, education, services and advocacy that the
19 Pediatric Stroke Network, Inc., provide as it strives to enhance
20 public awareness of childhood stroke.