

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

1 **Relating to:** declaring May 12, 2004, as Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day.

2 Whereas, stroke is the nation’s and Wisconsin’s 3rd leading cause of death, and
3 approximately 3,500 Wisconsin residents die annually from stroke and most strokes
4 occur because of a blocked artery and time is crucial for treating such a stroke; and

5 Whereas, damage begins within 15 minutes, and the critical time window is less
6 than 3 hours; and

7 Whereas, only 4 percent of stroke patients present to an emergency room in 3
8 hours, and the research is clear that too few Wisconsinites recognize the symptoms
9 of stroke and the need to call 911 promptly; and

10 Whereas, prompt medical assessment and treatment can prevent or reduce
11 damage, disability, or death from stroke in many cases; and

12 Whereas, delayed presentation to an emergency room is the leading roadblock
13 to successful stroke care; and

14 Whereas, many organizations in Wisconsin are celebrating May 12, 2004, as
15 Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day with the theme “Don’t Stall Make the Call” and

1 promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn symptoms now;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
4 legislature, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against strokes,
5 proclaims May 12, 2004, to be Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day in Wisconsin and urges
6 all citizens to recognize the critical importance of learning to recognize the symptoms
7 of stroke and calling 911 promptly.

8 (END)