

State of Wisconsin



2007 Senate Joint Resolution 48

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: American Stroke Awareness Month.

Whereas, the month of May has been recognized as American Stroke Awareness Month; and
Whereas, every 45 seconds, on average, someone in the United States suffers from a stroke;
and

Whereas, each year over 700,000 Americans suffer a new or recurrent stroke; and
Whereas, stroke is the third-leading cause of death in the United States, ranking only behind
diseases of the heart and cancer; and

Whereas, stroke accounts for one of every 16 deaths in the United States; and
Whereas, Wisconsin had a staggering 14,573 stroke hospitalizations in 2004, and 10,960
deaths related to stroke or its aftereffects; and

Whereas, even for those who survive an initial stroke, the aftermath poses serious risk of
recurrence, and recovery is difficult; and

Whereas, 21 percent of men and 24 percent of women who have an initial stroke die within
a year; and

Whereas, stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States; and
Whereas, regrettably, certain ethnic groups are more likely to suffer from stroke than others;
and

Whereas, African Americans generally have almost twice the risk of first-ever stroke
compared with white Americans, and African Americans between the ages of 35 and 54 have four
times the relative risk for stroke; and

Whereas, despite the prevalence and serious consequences of stroke, the majority of
Americans are not aware of their risk factors for a stroke, nor are they aware of the signs and
symptoms of an impending stroke, such as sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg;

sudden trouble with speaking or with seeing in one or both eyes; sudden dizziness or loss of balance and coordination; and sudden severe headache; and

Whereas, organizations like the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association are devoted to educating people about the causes of stroke and to working with health advocates around the country to increase prevention measures; and

Whereas, in an effort to address these issues, in November 2005, the American Stroke Association launched its "Power to End Stroke" campaign aimed at educating the African American community on how to reduce the chances of having a stroke, recognizing the symptoms of stroke, and responding to the warning signs that a person is suffering or has suffered from a stroke; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature hereby express their support for the American Stroke Association's "Power to End Stroke" campaign and do hereby recognize May as Stroke Awareness Month.

Representative Michael D. Huebsch
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk