



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May as American Stroke Month.

2 Whereas, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and in
3 Wisconsin, killing about 145,000 people nationwide and about 3,000 Wisconsin
4 citizens each year; and

5 Whereas, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability with about
6 800,000 new or reoccurring strokes per year in the United States and about 16,000
7 new or reoccurring strokes per year in Wisconsin; and

8 Whereas, the actions for American Stroke Month 2009 are "Know the Stroke
9 Warning Signs and Act in Time"; educate the public and policymakers about the
10 importance of recognizing a stroke and acting quickly during a stroke emergency;
11 and promote the program "Power To End Stroke," to reduce stroke in African
12 Americans, who are at a particularly high risk of the disease, by empowering them
13 to reduce their risks, recognize the warning signs, and respond quickly; and

14 Whereas, warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the
15 face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion and trouble

