

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 49

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 44

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 49—Relative to American Stroke Month 2007.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 49, Davis. American Stroke Month.

This measure would recognize May 2007 as American Stroke Month in California, and would urge all California citizens to familiarize themselves with the warning signs, symptoms, and risk factors associated with stroke, so that Californians might begin to reduce the devastating effects strokes have on the population of California.

WHEREAS, Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 150,000 Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability with more than 1.1 million American adults experiencing functional limitations or difficulty with activities of daily living resulting from a stroke; and

WHEREAS, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and warning signs for stroke than in the past, but still less than one in five adults can correctly classify all stroke symptoms; and

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

WHEREAS, Stroke leads to the death of more than 16,000 citizens of California each year; and

WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes, but much more research is needed; and

WHEREAS, The American Stroke Association's Power To End Stroke Campaign urges members of our communities to familiarize themselves with the warning signs, symptoms, and risk factors associated with stroke to reduce the devastating effects a stroke has on the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The themes for American Stroke Month 2007 are "Young People and Stroke" to educate the public and policymakers about the devastating effects of stroke in young people under 30 years of age, and "Igniting the Power" to end stroke in African-Americans, who are at particularly high risk of the disease, by empowering them to reduce their

risk, recognize the warning signs, and respond quickly; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the month of May 2007 shall be recognized as American Stroke Month in California in order to raise awareness of the effects of stroke; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges all California citizens to familiarize themselves with the warning signs, symptoms, and risk factors associated with stroke so that we might begin to reduce the devastating effects strokes have on our population; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.