

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 943

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the American Stroke Association in observing May 2007 as American Stroke Month in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, killing approximately 150,000 Americans each year; stroke is also 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 as a result of a stroke; and

WHEREAS, While many Americans have become more aware of the risk factors and warning signs of strokes, less than 20 percent can correctly identify all stroke symptoms; warning signs include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion or 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, 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, 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; 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 still needed, and National Stroke Month is a valuable tool in bringing resources to bear for that research; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby encourage all citizens to observe American Stroke Month 2007 by learning about stroke risk factors and warning signs and commend the American Stroke Association for its important work in educating the public about strokes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this outstanding organization as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate