

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 654

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas recognizes the week of April 20 through April 26, 2009, as Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Week in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis, a serious medical condition, affects approximately two million Americans every year; complications from this usually preventable medical condition take up to 200,000 American lives each year; and

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, usually in the lower limbs, which leads to partially or completely blocked circulation and may result in a fatal pulmonary embolism; and

WHEREAS, Pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined and is the leading cause of maternal death associated with childbirth; fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most preventable cause of hospital death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Some of the risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart or respiratory diseases; the condition can also be triggered by hospitalization, pregnancy, obesity, or restricted mobility caused by long-distance travel; and

WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by the American Public Health Association, 74 percent of Americans are unaware of deep vein thrombosis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize the importance of raising public awareness of the threat and causes of deep vein thrombosis and designate the week of April 20 through April 26, 2009, as Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in support of Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Week.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate