

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 981

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the National Stroke Association and Texans across the state in observing May as Stroke Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Stroke is a prevalent cardiovascular disease that imposes a tremendous cost on victims and their families, the health care system, and society at large; it is the fourth-leading cause of death in the United States and a principal cause of long-term adult disability; and

WHEREAS, The total cost of cardiovascular diseases in the United States was estimated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to be \$444 billion in 2010; as the country's population ages, this figure is likely to increase even further; and

WHEREAS, Public awareness and education about how to prevent stroke and how to recognize and respond to the symptoms of stroke are key factors in reducing the prevalence of stroke; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a month be set aside to raise awareness about this important issue and to encourage cooperative efforts to find solutions to the problems posed by this debilitating disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the National Stroke Association on its exemplary efforts to educate the public on the risks and consequences of stroke and extend to its members and supporters best wishes for a productive Stroke Awareness Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate