

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.18

Senators MacDonald and Lucido offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 2019 as Stroke Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and
3 serious long-term disability in the state of Michigan; and

4 Whereas, The federal government estimates show that more than
5 \$34 billion is spent annually on strokes, including the cost of
6 health care services, medications, and lost productivity; and

7 Whereas, Nearly 58 percent of Americans do not know if they
8 are at risk for a stroke and one in three Americans cannot name any
9 of the signs or symptoms of a stroke; and

10 Whereas, The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of a stroke
11 include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to
12 call 9-1-1. Additional stroke warning signs and symptoms include

1 sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on
2 one side of the body, confusion, trouble speaking or difficulty
3 understanding speech, trouble seeing in one or both eyes, trouble
4 walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and severe
5 headache with no known cause; and

6 Whereas, The American Heart Association urges people to lower
7 their risk of heart disease and stroke by focusing on "Life's
8 Simple 7" key health factors and behaviors: manage blood pressure,
9 control cholesterol, reduce blood sugar, get active, eat better,
10 lose weight, and stop smoking; and

11 Whereas, New and effective treatments have been developed to
12 treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but
13 much more research is needed; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
15 body recognize May 2019 as Stroke Awareness Month. We urge
16 increased public awareness of the risk factors, warning signs, and
17 symptoms of stroke; and be it further

18 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
19 members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Governor of
20 Michigan, and the Clerk of the Michigan House of Representatives.