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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2020 as "American Stroke Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing almost 140,000 people each year, and

WHEREAS, more than 795,000 people suffer from a stroke in the United States each year, and

WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of long-term disability and the leading preventable cause of disability in the United States, and

WHEREAS, many people in the United States are unaware of the risk factors for a stroke, which include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes, and

WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association's "Together to End Stroke" initiative can help people recognize and respond to stroke warning signs and symptoms using the acronym "FAST," in which "F" stands for face drooping, "A" stands for arm weakness, "S" stands for speech difficulty, and "T" stands for time to call 911 if any signs are present, and

WHEREAS, awareness of other stroke warning signs and symptoms, including sudden onset of numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body; confusion, trouble speaking, or trouble understanding when being spoken to; difficulty seeing out of one or both eyes; trouble

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26 walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; or
27 severe headache with no known cause, can improve stroke
28 outcomes, NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
31 Florida:

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33 That May 2020 is recognized as "American Stroke Month" in
34 Florida and that all residents of this state are urged to
35 familiarize themselves with the risk factors, warning signs, and
36 symptoms associated with stroke, and, at the first sign of a
37 stroke, to dial 911, so that we may begin to reduce the
38 devastating effects of stroke on our population and all
39 Floridians may live stronger, healthier lives.