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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Stroke can occur before birth, in infants,
3 children, and young adults; and

4 WHEREAS, The risk of pediatric stroke is highest in the
5 first year of life and peaks during the perinatal period; and

6 WHEREAS, Stroke occurs in the United States at a rate of
7 from 1 in 1,600 to 1 in 4,000 live births each year, and in 12
8 in 100,000 children each year; and

9 WHEREAS, Between 50% and 85% of infants and children who
10 have pediatric stroke will have serious permanent neurological
11 disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision
12 problems, and attention, learning, and behavioral
13 difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and
14 surgeries; and

15 WHEREAS, The lifelong care and treatments resulting from
16 pediatric stroke result in a significant financial and
17 emotional toll on the child, family, and society at large; and

18 WHEREAS, Little is known about the cause, treatment, and
19 prevention of pediatric stroke; risk factors, symptoms,
20 prevention efforts, and treatments are often different for

1 children than in adults; and

2 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of
3 pediatric stroke greatly improves the chances of recovery and
4 prevention of recurrence; and

5 WHEREAS, Only through medical research can effective
6 treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be
7 identified and developed; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate May of
10 2016 as Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month in the State of
11 Illinois and urge Illinois residents and public health
12 officials to become more aware of the risk factors and symptoms
13 of pediatric stroke; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the Director of the Department of Public Health
16 and the Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association.