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Assembly Resolution No. 374

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
May 2023, as Stroke Awareness Month in the State of  
New York

WHEREAS, Every 40 seconds someone in the United States experiences a  
stroke; and

WHEREAS, Stroke, or brain attack, is the fifth leading cause of  
death in the United States, killing 147,000 people annually; stroke can  
happen to anyone at anytime, regardless of race, gender, or age; and

WHEREAS, Each year, about 40 percent of stroke deaths occur in males  
and 60 percent in females; and

WHEREAS, Almost 795,000 people will experience a stroke this year;  
about 610,000 are new attacks and 185,000 are recurrent attacks; and

WHEREAS, Stroke is a medical emergency; prompt treatment of a stroke  
could mean the difference between life and death, complete recovery and  
disability; and

WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of adult disability; there are  
more than seven million stroke survivors in the United States, with  
two-thirds living with moderate to severe disabilities; and

WHEREAS, More than one-third of Americans cannot identify a single symptom of stroke, such as sudden trouble talking, walking or seeing; paralysis, usually on one side of the body; and sudden severe headache with no known cause, even though there is now an easy and F.A.S.T. (Face, Arms, Speech and Time) stroke recognition system; and

WHEREAS, Understanding the warning signs and obtaining emergency treatment can save lives, reduce disability, and possibly even reverse all impacts of the stroke; and

WHEREAS, The chance of having a stroke more than doubles for each decade of life after age 55; while stroke is common among the elderly, many people under 65 also have strokes; and

WHEREAS, Each year for the past seven years, nearly 42,000 patients have been treated for strokes at hospitals in New York State; the estimated direct and indirect cost of stroke for 2010 is \$73.7 billion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2023, as Stroke Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Stroke Awareness Month, and to encourage all New Yorkers to ask their doctors about stroke prevention and the warning signs of stroke; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.