

I MINA'OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
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Resolution No. 66 (EC)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS STROKE  
AWARENESS MONTH ON GUAM.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN  
2 GUAHAN:

3 WHEREAS, every fifty-three (53) seconds someone in the United States  
4 experiences a stroke; and

5 WHEREAS, a stroke or brain attack is the third leading cause of death in  
6 America, killing one hundred sixty thousand (160,000) people annually; and

7 WHEREAS, on Guam, stroke is the third leading cause of death since  
8 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, hypertension (high blood pressure) and diabetes mellitus  
10 are the most frequent causes of stroke; and

11 WHEREAS, one out of four stroke patients are younger than fifty years  
12 old; and

13 WHEREAS, only one out of five patients go to the emergency room  
14 within three hours from stroke onset; and

15 WHEREAS, one out of six patients with ischemic stroke and one in two  
16 patients with hemorrhagic of bleeding stroke may die from complications of  
17 stroke; and

18 WHEREAS, there are more than four million stroke survivors in the  
19 United States, with two thirds living with moderate to severe disabilities  
20 making stroke a leading cause of adult disability; and

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1           WHEREAS, the United States spends more than \$52 billion in direct and  
2 indirect costs on stroke; and

3           WHEREAS, a majority of individuals cannot identify a single symptom  
4 of stroke which includes sudden difficulty in talking, walking or seeing and  
5 sudden severe headaches with no known cause; and

6           WHEREAS, stroke is one of the most preventable of all life-threatening  
7 health problems yet many individuals do not discuss their stroke risks with  
8 their primary health care provider; and

9           WHEREAS, public awareness of the risks and warning signs of a stroke  
10 is essential to prevention and early treatment; and

11           WHEREAS, prompt treatment of stroke can save lives and reduce  
12 disability; and

13           WHEREAS, the National Stroke Association celebrates National Stroke  
14 Awareness Month in May and urges people to take charge of their health by  
15 asking their doctors about the risks of stroke and adopting healthy lifestyle  
16 habits to lower their risk; a

17           BE IT RESOLVED, the I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan  
18 hereby proclaims May as Stroke Awareness Month on Guam to increase  
19 awareness within the community about stroke, its prevention and early  
20 treatment and to encourage all citizens to ask their primary care provider about  
21 the risks and warning signs of stroke.

22           DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
23 \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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26 Mark Forbes  
27 Speaker

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Edward J.B. Calvo  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

