

STATE OF DELAWARE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, every 45 seconds someone in the United States experiences stroke; and

Whereas, stroke is the third leading cause of death in America – killing 160,000 people each year; and

Whereas, stroke is the leading cause of adult disability, with more than five million stroke survivors in the United States and two-thirds live with moderate to severe disabilities; and

Whereas, more than one-third of Americans cannot identify a single symptom of stroke, which includes sudden difficulty talking, walking or seeing, paralysis usually on one side of the body and sudden and severe headache with no known cause; and

Whereas, public awareness of the risks and warning signs are essential to prevention and early treatment of stroke; and

Whereas, immediate emergency treatment can save lives, reduce disability and even possibly reverse all impacts from a stroke; and

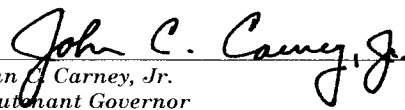
Whereas, the National Stroke Association and the Delaware Stroke Initiative celebrate Stroke Awareness Month in May, reminding people to take charge of their health by asking their doctors about the risks of stroke while adopting healthy lifestyle habits to lower those risks.

*Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor,
and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare May 2007*

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Delaware and urge all Delawareans to recognize the warning signs of stroke and adopt healthy lifestyle habits.


Ruth Ann Minner
Governor


John C. Carney, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor



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