

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—ASSEMBLYMEN
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SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND
WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Urges public and private entities to work together to
establish statewide system of care for patients
suffering from strokes. (BDR R-1159)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted-material]** is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging public and
private entities to work together to establish a statewide
system of care for patients suffering from strokes.

1 WHEREAS, The American Stroke Association, a division of the
2 American Heart Association, is promoting the message “Time
3 Lost = Brain Lost” to offer advocates for stroke awareness an
4 opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the
5 devastating effects of a stroke; and

6 WHEREAS, Statistics reveal that every 45 seconds on average,
7 someone in the United States suffers a stroke, which means that each
8 year, about 700,000 persons in this country are victims of a new or



1 recurrent stroke, and there are approximately 4.8 million stroke
2 survivors in our nation today; and

3 WHEREAS, Strokes are a leading cause of serious, long-term
4 disability and can result in both physical and emotional devastation,
5 leaving many victims struggling with activities of daily living and 15
6 to 30 percent of victims permanently disabled; and

7 WHEREAS, Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the
8 United States, with one death occurring every 3.3 minutes, and in
9 Nevada last year, strokes accounted for over 1,000 deaths; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2004, the estimated direct and indirect costs of
11 strokes in this nation totaled about \$53.6 billion; and

12 WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies
13 has concluded that the fragmentation of the delivery of health care
14 services for stroke victims frequently results in suboptimal treatment,
15 safety concerns and inefficient use of health care resources; and

16 WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine has recommended the
17 establishment of coordinated systems of care that integrate services
18 for prevention and treatment of strokes and promote access by each
19 patient to care that is based on the best evidence available at the time
20 of treatment; and

21 WHEREAS, The Health Division of the Department of Human
22 Resources and the American Stroke Association are working on a
23 systems approach that is necessary to effectuate true change in the
24 way strokes are treated statewide so that patients have access to the
25 most advanced treatment in centers that are best designed and
26 equipped to deal with the critical and time-sensitive needs of stroke
27 patients; and

28 WHEREAS, The main purpose of such a statewide system of care
29 is to establish a systems approach for assisting stroke patients that
30 includes the development and recognition of primary stroke centers,
31 emergency medical services, protocols and field triage, transfer of
32 stroke victims between facilities, and collection of data relating to
33 strokes; now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
35 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada
36 recognizes the importance of proper care for victims of strokes and
37 calls upon public and private entities to work together to establish a
38 cohesive statewide system of care for all residents of this State who
39 suffer from strokes; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
41 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department
42 of Human Resources and to the Vice President of the American
43 Stroke Association.

