

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Assemblymen Ocegüera, Allen, Anderson, Angle, Arberry Jr., Atkinson, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Giunchigliani, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hettrick, Hogan, Holcomb, Horne, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, McCleary, Mortenson, Munford, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Pierce, Seale, Sherer, Sibley, Smith and Weber

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

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

WHEREAS, Statistics reveal that every 45 seconds on average, someone in the United States suffers a stroke, which means that each year, about 700,000 persons in this country are victims of a new or recurrent stroke, and there are approximately 4.8 million stroke survivors in our nation today; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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