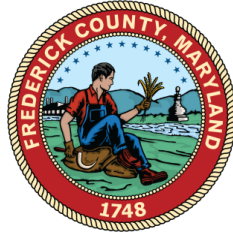


Proclamation



Whereas, *stroke is consistently a leading cause of death in Frederick County and approximately 100 people in Frederick County die each year due to cerebrovascular diseases; additionally, more than 100 people each month seek emergency care at Frederick Health for stroke-like symptoms; and*

Whereas, *there are life-saving treatments that must be administered within 3-4.5 hours once symptoms begin, and only a very small percentage of patients get to the hospital within the treatment window because the majority of people do not know how to spot a stroke or the importance of calling 911 immediately; and*

Whereas, *to help educate the community about the signs of stroke, Frederick County public and private schools will be encouraged to make Stroke Smart: Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life part of their training for all students, teachers, staff, and families. Frederick County agencies focused on health and safety will be urged to participate in improving stroke literacy by educating employees, volunteers and associated communities; and*

Whereas, *the goal is to educate everyone in Frederick County about stroke recognition and the importance of dialing 911 immediately. Businesses, civic organizations, senior communities, faith-based organizations, and residents will be encouraged to participate and contribute to the Stroke Smart: Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life campaign through active citizenship efforts; and*

Whereas, *Frederick County may serve as a model for other communities, cities, counties, and states as well as the nation.*

Now, Therefore, *as the County Executive of Frederick County, Maryland, I hereby recognize World Stroke Day and officially proclaim Frederick County a*

Stroke Smart County

and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Presented *this 29nd day of October 2021.*