

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF PICKENS )

RESOLUTION # 2023-13

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2023 AS STROKE AWARENESS MONTH IN PICKENS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States; and

WHEREAS, stroke is South Carolina's third biggest killer; and

WHEREAS, stroke can happen to anyone, any age, any time, and everyone needs to know the warning signs; and

WHEREAS, on average, 1.9 million brain cells die every minute that a stroke goes untreated; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Stroke Association, acting quickly when someone is experiencing a stroke can mean the difference between life or death, and recovery or disability; and

WHEREAS, F.A.S.T. is an acronym for things to check in a suspected stroke victim:

**F** – Face Drooping: does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

**A** – Arm Weakness: is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

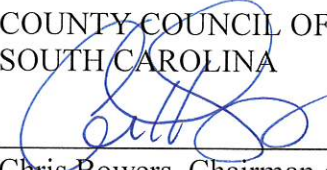
**S** – Speech: is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue."

**T** - Time to Call 9-1-1. If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1. Emergency medical services (EMS) staff can begin life-saving treatment immediately and patients can receive faster treatment at the hospital when arriving by ambulance.

NOW THEREFORE, Pickens County Council, proclaims May 2023 as Stroke Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to make recognizing the signs of stroke a priority.

Passed and approved, this 1 day of May, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

  
Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council  
Pickens County, South Carolina

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Attest:

Meagan Nations

Meagan Nations, Clerk of County Council  
Pickens County, South Carolina