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*Children's Hemiplegia
& Stroke Association*

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Stroke occurs before birth, in 1 out of 4,000 births each year, and in 6 out of 100,000 children per year, with 5 – 10% of children dying due to a stroke; and

WHEREAS Over half of the children who have a stroke will have serious, long-term neurological disabilities, including hemiplegia (paralysis of one side of the body), seizures, speech and vision problems, learning difficulties and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS The permanent health concerns and treatments resulting from Childhood Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS Very little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of Childhood Stroke; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS An early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Childhood Stroke greatly improves chances for recovery and prevention of recurrence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (Governor, County Executive or Mayor's name), by virtue of the authority vested in me as (title of official and location), do hereby proclaim May 2, 2009 as:

CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY

and urge all Citizens to support the efforts, programs, services and advocacy the Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association and other private organizations provide as they strive to enhance public awareness of Childhood Stroke.