|  | JOINT RESOLUTION ON STROKE  |  |  |
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|  | AWARENESS   |  |  |
|  | 2005 GENERAL SESSION  |  |  |
|  | STATE OF UTAH   |  |  |
| Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson  |   |  |  |
| LONG   | TITLE   |  |  |
| Genera   | l Description:  |  |  |
|  | This joint resolution of the Legislature urges that public and private entities partner               |  |  |
| with the Legislature to establish a stroke care system in the state.                           |   |  |  |
| Highlig  | thted Provisions:   |  |  |
|  | This resolution:  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>urges that public and private entities work with the Legislature to establish a</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| cohesiv  | e statewide system of stroke care in Utah; and  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>urges that the stroke care system be designed for all state residents stricken by</li> </ul> |  |  |
| stroke.  |   |  |  |
| Special  | Clauses:  |  |  |
|  | None  |  |  |
| Be it re   | solved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:   |  |  |
|  | WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart                            |  |  |
| Associa  | ation, is promoting a public awareness campaign "Time Lost = Brain Lost" to offer                     |  |  |
| advocates for stroke awareness an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the |   |  |  |
| devasta  | ting effects of stroke;   |  |  |
|  | WHEREAS, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, striking                    |  |  |
| approxi  | mately 700,000 Americans each year and accounting for more than 6,000                                 |  |  |
| hospita  | lizations per year in Utah;   |  |  |



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| 28 | WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability in the United                  |
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| 29 | States with approximately 4.8 million stroke survivors today;                                     |
| 30 | WHEREAS, of the 25,387 Utahns who report having had a stroke, only 50% return to                  |
| 31 | routine or self-care and 900 die each year from stroke;   |
| 32 | WHEREAS, in 2004 the estimated direct and indirect cost of stroke was approximately               |
| 33 | \$53.6 billion;   |
| 34 | WHEREAS, in Utah the annual cost of hospitalization due to stroke has increased by                |
| 35 | 43% since 1993;   |
| 36 | WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science has                         |
| 37 | concluded that the fragmentation of the delivery of health care services frequently results in    |
| 38 | suboptimal treatment, safety concerns, and inefficient use of health care resources;              |
| 39 | WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine has recommended the establishment of                           |
| 40 | coordinated systems of care that integrate preventative and treatment services and promote        |
| 41 | patient access to evidence-based care;  |
| 42 | WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Health and the American Stroke Association Task                   |
| 43 | Force are working on a systems approach that is necessary to effectuate true change in the way    |
| 44 | stroke is treated statewide, so that patients have access to the most advanced treatment in       |
| 45 | centers that are best designed and equipped to deal with the critical and time sensitive needs of |
| 46 | stroke patients; and  |
| 47 | WHEREAS, the main purpose of a statewide system of stroke treatment is to establish               |
| 48 | an effective approach to dealing with stroke patients, including assessing center designations,   |
| 49 | emergency medical service protocols and field triage, interfacility stroke transfer, and stroke   |
| 50 | data collection:  |
| 51 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah                          |
| 52 | urges that public and private entities work with the Legislature to establish a cohesive          |
| 53 | statewide system of stroke care for all state residents stricken by stroke.                       |
| 54 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American                     |
| 55 | Stroke Association Task Force within the American Heart Association, the Institute of             |
| 56 | Medicine of the National Academy of Science, and the Utah Department of Health.                   |

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## Legislative Review Note as of 2-2-05 10:38 AM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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| Fiscal Note        | Joint Resolution on Stroke Awareness |
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## **State Impact**

Mailing provisions of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

## **Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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