

**A PROCLAMATION OF
THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA
PROCLAIMING MAY 2017 AS “AMERICAN STROKE MONTH”
IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON**

WHEREAS, between 2012 and 2030 total direct annual stroke-related medical costs are expected to increase from \$71.55 billion to \$184.13 billion; and overall, total annual costs of stroke are projected to increase to \$240.67 billion by 2030, an increase of 129 percent; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80 million Americans have high blood pressure, which is a major controllable risk factor for stroke, including 44 percent of African American adults – among the highest prevalence of any population in the world; and

WHEREAS, more than half (58%) of Americans don't know if they are at risk for stroke; and one in three Americans can't recall any stroke warning signs or symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty and time to call 9-1-1; and beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

WHEREAS, on the American Stroke Month Day of Action May 1, 2017, throughout May and year-round, the American Stroke Association's *Together to End Stroke* initiative encourages Americans to learn their personal stroke risk, memorize and share the stroke warning signs, and call 9-1-1 at the first sign of a stroke; and

WHEREAS, new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but much more research is needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the residents of the Village of Wellington, the Village Council of Wellington, Florida does hereby proclaim May 2017 as **AMERICAN STROKE MONTH** in the Village of Wellington and urge all the citizens to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and on first sign of a stroke dial 9-1-1 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 25th day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:

WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk

BY: _____
Anne Gerwig, Mayor