

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA  
PROCLAIMING MAY 2018 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, 2018, 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, the Village Council of Wellington, Florida does hereby proclaim May 2018 as "AMERICAN STROKE MONTH" in the Village of Wellington and urges all 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 8<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2018.*

**ATTEST:**

**WELLINGTON, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anne Gerwig, Mayor