

# PROCLAMATION

Of

## Stroke Awareness Month

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WHEREAS, Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States and the number one leading cause of adult disability striking over 795,000 Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, Stroke costs this country more than \$72 billion annually in medical treatment and lost productivity, but far more regrettable is the immeasurable suffering it brings to victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, Stroke can often be avoided by controlling its risk factors and paying attention to stroke's warning signals which can prevent serious damage to a victim's health and may even save a life; however, very few people know how to recognize a stroke or what to do if someone is having one; and

WHEREAS, because so many of the risk factors for stroke can be minimized by personal effort, public awareness is the key weapon in conquering stroke; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County Emergency Management Services and Mission Hospitals are working to help educate our citizens about stroke prevention and the ways to identify signs of stroke and are promoting "Go Gray in May Because Gray Matter Matters Campaign"; and

WHEREAS, to encourage citizen awareness of stroke, this Board has been asked to proclaim May as Stroke Awareness Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That May, 2012 be proclaimed

## **STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby encourage all citizens to learn the signs of stroke; monitor their health for the risk factors of stroke and to promote stroke awareness in our community by participating in the Go Gray in May Events.
3. That this proclamation shall be effective upon its adoption

ADOPTED this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN