



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, 1 in 6 people will have a stroke in their lifetime; additionally, stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability, putting a tremendous financial burden on individuals, families, as well as society; and*
- WHEREAS, there are life-saving treatments that must be administered within 3-4 hours once symptoms begin, and only a very small percentage of patients get to the hospital within the treatment window because the majority of people do not know how to spot a stroke or the importance of calling 911 immediately; moreover, the stroke onset-to-911 time has not significantly changed for the last 25 years; and*
- WHEREAS, all the City of Fairfax health and safety-focused entities such as hospitals, clinics, physicians' medical practices, pharmacies, public safety agencies, and social services, and all city employees will be urged to participate in improving the City of Fairfax stroke literacy to educate all its employees, volunteers, and associated communities; and*
- WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax community, including businesses, civic organizations, senior communities, faith-based organizations, and inhabitants, will be encouraged to participate and contribute to the Stroke Smart: Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life campaign through active citizenship efforts; and*
- WHEREAS, public and private schools serving the City of Fairfax community will be encouraged to make Stroke Smart: Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life part of their training for all students, faculty, and families; and*
- WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax will create a Stroke Smart Advocacy Group with an ongoing mission to educate those who live and work in the city to recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke and to know the urgency of calling 911 when they Spot-a-Stroke;*
- WHEREAS, the goal is to educate everyone in the City of Fairfax about stroke recognition and the importance of dialing 911 immediately, and therefore reduce the onset of stroke to 911 interval to be measured by EMS and local hospital systems, and thereby be a model for other communities, cities, counties, commonwealths, and states as well as the nation, thereby advancing the vision of a Stroke Smart America.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID L. MEYER, Mayor, of the City of Fairfax, do hereby proclaim on this day April 26, 2022 that the City of Fairfax will hereinafter be a

“Stroke Smart City”

in full support of “Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life.”

Done this twenty-sixth day of April 2022.

Attest:

Melanie R. Bruden

City Clerk



David L. Meyer

Mayor