

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS, a stroke is a serious medical emergency caused by the interruption or reduction of the blood supply to part of the brain, preventing brain tissue from getting oxygen and nutrients; and
- WHEREAS, stroke symptoms include trouble speaking and understanding what others are saying; paralysis or numbness of the face, arm, or leg; trouble seeing in one or both eyes; headache; and trouble with walking and/or balance; and
- WHEREAS, 1 in 6 people will have a stroke in their lifetime and stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability; and
- WHEREAS, there are life-saving treatments that must be administered within 3-4 hours once stroke 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; and
- WHEREAS, the stroke onset-to-911 time has not significantly changed for the last 25 years; and
- WHEREAS, City of Falls Church public and private schools are 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, City of Falls Church health and safety-focused entities such as hospitals, clinics, physicians’ medical practices, pharmacies, fire, EMS, public safety, and all city employees will be urged to participate in improving City of Falls Church stroke literacy through educating all employees, volunteers, and associated communities; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church 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; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church recognizes the importance of stroke recognition and of dialing 911 immediately to reduce the onset-of-stroke-to-911 interval and thereby be a model for other communities to advance the vision of a Stroke Smart America;

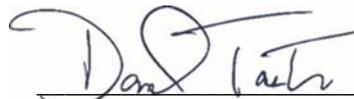
NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim that the City of Falls Church will hereinafter endeavor to be a

**STROKE SMART CITY**

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



  
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David Tarter, Mayor