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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, stroke is the 4th leading cause of death and serious long-term disability in Oregon, with thousands of Oregonians suffering a stroke each year; and

**Whereas**, public awareness of the urgent need for immediate medical attention at the onset of stroke symptoms can significantly improve outcomes and reduce the impact of stroke; and

**Whereas**, recognizing the signs of stroke can be remembered by the acronym B.E. F.A.S.T.: (Balance, Eye Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, Time to call 911); and

**Whereas**, risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, heart disease, smoking, diabetes, and high cholesterol, many of which are controllable or treatable; and

**Whereas**, Deschutes County is committed to reducing the incidence and impact of stroke through public education, improved healthcare policy, and community-based initiatives; and

**Whereas**, Stroke Awareness Oregon and numerous local organizations work tirelessly to increase awareness, provide education, and support survivors and their families; and

**Whereas**, the health and safety of all Oregonians is a responsibility shared by both the healthcare community and the public, and it is imperative to raise awareness about stroke prevention, recognition, and response;

**Now, therefore** the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of May, 2024 to be

***“Stroke Awareness Month”***

in Deschutes County, and encourages all citizens to familiarize themselves with the signs and symptoms of stroke, to understand the risk factors, and to adopt healthier lifestyles to prevent strokes.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

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Patti Adair, Chair

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Anthony DeBone, Vice Chair

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Phil Chang, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Recording Secretary