



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 4000 live births each year and in 1 to 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and


WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, signs of stroke are often missed in children and teens because of lack of awareness; and

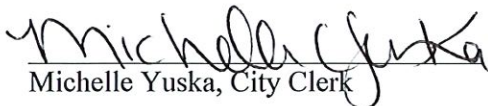
WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence; now

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Ankeny, Iowa. I urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy the Lexi Frederick family and International Alliance for Pediatric Stroke provides as they strive to enhance public awareness of Pediatric Stroke.

DATED AND SIGNED this 21st day of April, 2025.


Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

