

CITY OF WINTER PARK

# proclamation

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**World Stroke Day | October 29, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, stroke is the second leading cause of death worldwide and fourth leading cause of death in the United States, and is a leading debilitating health problem; and

**WHEREAS**, Global Stroke Resource, also known as Bcenter, is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Winter Park with a mission to empower, educate and facilitate recovery for stroke survivors and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Global Stroke Resource and its founder, stroke survivor and Orlando native Valerie Greene, is dedicated to empowering stroke survivors worldwide and serves as a leader for World Stroke Day, which was established by the World Stroke Organization in 2006 to increase public awareness of the high stroke risk and stroke prevalence worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 85 percent of all strokes, also known as brain attacks, can be prevented with lifesaving knowledge of risk factors and symptoms, paired with proper lifestyle choices; and

**WHEREAS**, a headache is the most common symptom of stroke, while many may also experience slurred speech, numbness or weakness, confusion, dizziness or blurred vision; and

**WHEREAS**, stroke can happen to anyone, including children and babies in utero, but age, heredity, race and gender can increase risk factors; and

**WHEREAS**, World Stroke Day is an opportunity to empower residents in our community and worldwide to learn how to prevent and/or recover from stroke.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim the day of **Thursday, October 29, 2015**, as **World Stroke Day** in the City of Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Leary", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Leary  
Mayor