

## **Proclamation World Stroke Day**

- 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.com, is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization 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 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, BUDDY DYER, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim Wednesday, October 29, 2014as**

**“World Stroke Day”**

**in the City of Orlando.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused  
the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed  
this 29th day of October 2014.**