Proclamation

Stop Brain Disorders Week

April 11 – 17, 2010

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Neurology (AAN) established in 1948 represents more than 21,000 neurologists and neuroscience professionals in the United States and Canada. The Academy’s mission is to promote the highest quality patient-centered neurologic care.

Anyone can be affected by a neurologic disorder (affecting the brain and nervous system). One in six people in the United States and Canada will be affected by a neurologic disorder during their lifetime.

Improved treatments for well-known disorders, such as Alzheimer’s, autism, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, migraines, Parkinson’s, stroke, and traumatic brain and spinal injuries are essential to providing the best possible care to patients. Tomorrow’s medical advancements lie with greater public and private commitment to funding research and educational investments.

Clinical research and education are key to accelerating emerging treatments and breakthroughs in care. New medical advancements will yield new treatments to help improve the lives of those affected by neurologic disorders.

Public awareness and education are essential to dispelling myths about neurologic disorders and important to supporting brain research. The Academy is hosting a weeklong campaign to raise awareness about the need for more research into the prevention, treatment and cures of neurologic disorders.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Miller, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim April 11 - 17, 2010 as "Stop Brain Disorders Week" and encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the importance of finding a cure for these diseases.

Mayor David Miller