

Proclamation

City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, a brain aneurysm, a weak area in a blood vessel that enlarges like a balloon, is at risk for bleeding or rupture resulting in 30-40% chance of death and 20-35% chance of brain damage or long term disability; and

WHEREAS, an arteriovenous malformation (AVM), a tangle of arteries in the brain, bypasses normal brain tissue and directly diverts blood from the arteries to the veins resulting in devastating ruptures, headaches and seizures; and

WHEREAS, after an AVM ruptures there is a 10-15% risk of death and a 20-30% chance of permanent brain damage; and

WHEREAS, access to accurate information, expertise and a community to support survivors, caregivers, families and friends in making educated decisions about treatment and coping can make a critical difference in minimizing risks and increasing the quality of life of those affected; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness is necessary so that individuals are enabled in recognizing symptoms and understanding available resources and options;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gavin Newsom, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2006 as...

Aneurysm and Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) Awareness Day *IN SAN FRANCISCO!*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom
Mayor