

Resolution

Aneurysm and Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) Awareness Day May 7, 2006

WHEREAS, A brain aneurysm is a weak area in a blood vessel that enlarges like a balloon and can bleed or rupture, resulting in a 30-40 percent chance of death and 20-35 percent change of brain damage or long term disability; and,

WHEREAS, Most brain aneurysms will never bleed or rupture and predicting which ones will is crucial to minimizing risk; and,

WHEREAS, An arteriovenous malformation or AVM is a tangle of arteries in the brain, bypassing normal brain tissue and directly diverting blood from the arteries to the veins, resulting in devastating ruptures, headaches and seizures; and,

WHEREAS, An estimated 3-5 million people in the United States have an aneurysm and 1 in 200-500 have a vascular malformation in the brain; and,

WHEREAS, Most aneurysms and vascular malformations of the brain are discovered too late, often only after bleeding or rupture; and,

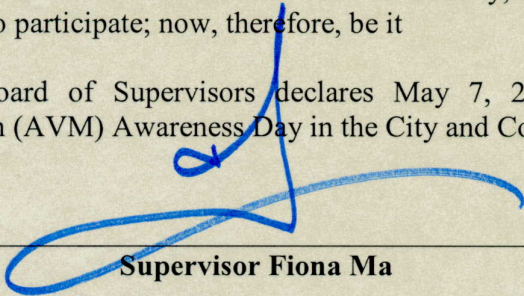
WHEREAS, Access to accurate information, expertise and a supportive community of survivors, caregivers, families and friends can make the critical difference in minimizing risks and increasing the quality of life of those affected; and,

WHEREAS, More research is needed to determine the causes and find a cure for brain aneurysm and AVM; and,

WHEREAS, Increased public awareness will enable individuals to recognize symptoms and understand available resources and options; and,

WHEREAS, To help achieve these goals, The Aneurysm and AVM Foundation (TAAF) is hosting the First Annual Aneurysm and AVM Awareness Walk on Sunday, May 7, 2006 and invites all residents of San Francisco to participate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares May 7, 2006 to be Aneurysm and Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) Awareness Day in the City and County of San Francisco.



Supervisor Fiona Ma