

1 [Aneurysm and Arteriovenous Malformation Awareness Day.]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 7, 2006 as Aneurysm and Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM)**
4 **Awareness Day.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Date Passed:

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April 25, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 25, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

4/28/06

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom