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,

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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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