

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2008 AS

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

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PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that,

WHEREAS, stroke is the third leading cause of death and a major cause of adult disability in San Mateo County and the United States; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of stroke patients arrive at the hospital in time to receive treatment that could dramatically reduce a patient's chance of disability or death because most people don't know the warning signs or don't realize they should seek medical help immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County on June 19, 2007 adopted a resolution authorizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to implement a stroke center policy directing ambulances to transport acute stroke patients to one of six hospitals serving San Mateo County as primary stroke centers; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department, the Hospital Consortium of San Mateo County: Kaiser Permanente Redwood City Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center, Mills-Peninsula Health Services, San Mateo Medical Center, Seton Medical Center, Sequoia Hospital, the Peninsula Stroke Association, and the Stroke Awareness Foundation, are engaging in a Stroke Awareness Campaign to educate residents about warning signs of stroke – sudden difficulty talking, walking or seeing; paralysis, usually on one side of the body; and sudden severe headache with no known cause - and the critical need for immediate emergency treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby designates May 2008 as Stroke Awareness month in order to increase public awareness about the warning signs of stroke and the need to recognize stroke as a medical emergency.

DATED: May 6, 2008

SUPERVISORS:


ADRIENNE J. TISSIER, PRESIDENT

