

WHEREAS, each year about 700,000 people have a stroke, about 500,000 are first attacks and 200,000 are recurring attacks; and

WHEREAS, the lifetime risk for stroke is greater than one in six for adults over the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, 22 percent of men and 25 percent of women who have an initial stroke die within a year; and

WHEREAS, on average, a stroke occurs every 45 seconds and on average every three minutes someone dies of stroke; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost in the U.S. is just over \$56.8 billion for stroke-related medical costs and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, May is designated nationally as American Stroke Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stoke does hereby proclaim **May, 2005** as

american stroke month

in Santa Clara County, California and urges all citizens to show support in the fight against stroke. By increasing awareness of the risk factors for this devastating disease and taking actions to reduce them, we can save thousands of lives each year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Third Day of May, Two Thousand Five by unanimous vote.