

**WHEREAS,** Strokes continue to be the third leading cause of death and the most common cause of adult disability; and

**WHEREAS,** As our population ages, it is estimated that the number of strokes will increase substantially; and

**WHEREAS,** A stroke occurs when blood vessels carrying oxygen and other nutrients to a specific part of the brain suddenly burst or become blocked and brain cells begin to die, requiring rapid diagnosis and treatment, which may significantly reduce permanent disability from the stroke;

**WHEREAS,** The risk of stroke can be reduced through heightened awareness of stroke risk factors and warning signs; and

**WHEREAS,** The Stanford Stroke Center, one of the first comprehensive multidisciplinary centers of its kind, was established in 1992 to develop new approaches to diagnose and treat strokes; and

**WHEREAS,** The Stanford Stroke Center is sponsoring a Stroke Alert Program at Stanford on May 8, 2007 to enhance community awareness and understanding of this condition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, does hereby proclaim May 8, 2007 as

## **NATIONAL STROKE ALERT DAY**

and encourages all citizens to recognize and participate in this conference and health fair.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED,** this First Day of May, Two Thousand and Seven by unanimous vote.

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Donald F. Gage, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors