

P R O C L A M A T I O N
THORACIC AORTIC ANEURYSM AND DISSECTION
AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2005

WHEREAS, the Bicuspid Aortic Foundation originated in 2002, with a need for advocacy in the diagnosis and treatment of thoracic aortic aneurysm and dissection (TAAD); and

WHEREAS, the Bicuspid Aortic Foundation has designated September as Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm and Dissection Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, TAAD is the bulging or tearing of the largest artery in the chest, regardless of cause; and

WHEREAS, TAAD represents a life-threatening but highly treatable condition due to advances in diagnostic, medical, and surgical technologies; and

WHEREAS, proactive diagnosis and appropriate treatment of TAAD minimize the incidence of emergency situations, dramatically improving survival and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for increased public awareness of TAAD’s known risk factors as well as the benefits of accurate diagnostic testing, appropriate medical care, and expert surgical treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, hereby proclaims the month of September as "**TAAD Awareness Month**" to foster broader understanding, early detection, and preservation of the health and well being of those affected.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2005.

Albert Vera - Mayor

Gary Silbiger -Vice-Mayor

Carol A. Gross - Councilmember

Alan Corlin - Councilmember

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