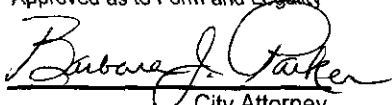


**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

**79033**

  
City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C. M. S.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE**

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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 14 THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2005 AS  
“MEDICARE AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD ENROLLMENT AND  
EDUCATION WEEK” IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA TO ENCOURAGE  
SENIOR CITIZENS TO LEARN ABOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THEIR MEDICARE  
HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2000 Census shows over 40,000 senior citizens over the age of 65 reside in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals over 65 years of age or with long-term disabilities are eligible for Medicare benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bush Administration’s cuts to the long-cherished Medicare program may reduce valuable benefits to some senior citizens and individuals with long-term disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has enabled the creation of various Prescription Drug Discount Cards which may be available to some low-income seniors and individuals with long-term disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the sooner these eligible Oakland residents select the most beneficial Discount Card and enroll in their corresponding program, the sooner they will receive some financial relief for the prescription drugs they need to ensure their health; and

**WHEREAS**, local nonprofits are using the discussion of the Prescription Drug Discount Cards as a way to engage seniors and individuals with long-term disabilities in a fuller discussion of recent changes to Medicare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council commends local nonprofit organizations, such as Legal Assistance for Seniors and Senior Action Network, for providing to seniors critical information about recent changes in Medicare; and

**WHEREAS**, local nonprofit organizations will engage in an intensive public education campaign from Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the importance of providing the senior citizens of Oakland with information about programs that affect their general welfare; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the City Council hereby proclaims February 14 through February 20, 2005 as "Medicare and Prescription Drug Discount Card Enrollment and Education Week" in the City of Oakland, California to encourage senior citizens to learn about significant changes to their Medicare health care benefits.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FEB 1 2005

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, ~~REID~~, QUAN, ~~WANG~~ AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 6  
DISTRICT 2 - VACANT

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

EXCUSED- REID - 1

ATTEST: LaTonda Simmons  
Interim City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California