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introduced by Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS IN-HOME CARE PROVIDERS' COURAGE TO CARE AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH**

**Whereas**, more than 65 million family caregivers in the United States demonstrate their Courage to Care everyday by providing some form of in-home care to a parent, grandparent, child, aunt or uncle; and

**Whereas**, In-Home Supportive Services (I.H.S.S.) providers who deliver quality care to our most vulnerable residents are among these caregivers who have the Courage to Care; and

**Whereas**, In-Home Caregivers not only provide vital care to those in need, but by doing so, save taxpayers millions of dollars each year when compared to more costly tax-funded institutional care; and

**Whereas**, the work of In-Home Caregivers often goes unnoticed as do the financial struggles caregivers and their families experience in order to provide this lifeline service to those in need; and

**Whereas**, the number of family and non-family members requiring in-home care will drastically increase as the number of Americans who are 65 years of age and older is expected to double in the next 30 years; and

**Whereas**, in order to meet the future demands of caregiving we must ensure a stable workforce by recognizing today the important contributions In-Home Caregivers bring to those receiving care, to our communities and to society as a whole; and

**Whereas**, the month of November is designated as National Family Caregivers Month, it offers the perfect opportunity to highlight the hard work, dedication and courage to care that all In-Home Caregivers exemplify every day – in caring for both family and non-family members; and

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the City of Oakland stands united with In-Home Caregivers and will emulate their Courage to Care by officially recognizing the month of November as National Family Caregivers Month, acknowledging the essential work and contributions In-Home Caregivers bring to Oakland, and will work with them to protect

programs and services such as I.H.S.S., keep a fundamental commitment to our low-income seniors and disabled, and ask that the State Legislature and Congress maintain that commitment as well.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAFF, BRUNNER  
and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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