

2012 JAN - 02 **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

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

Introduced by Councilmember Brunner

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**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS  
"NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH" FOR OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, Donating blood is a potentially lifesaving gift that millions of Americans can give; and

**WHEREAS**, There is a need to ensure an adequate blood supply and to stress the importance of giving the "Gift of Life" through the donation of blood; and

**WHEREAS**, There is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously; and

**WHEREAS**, One blood donation may help save three lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Every day blood is needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims; and

**WHEREAS**, The need for blood is constant, especially during the winter months when blood is traditionally in short supply due to a reduction in donor turnout because of the holidays, busy travel schedules, inclement weather and illness, which can put blood inventory at a critical low; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region distributes more than 130,000 pints of blood per year to help save local patients, yet fewer than 100,000 pints of blood are collected in the region annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Some 38 percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer than 8 percent of these individuals present to donate blood; and

**WHEREAS**, There is a need for civic and service organizations and businesses to sponsor blood drives; therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**: that the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims the month of January as "National Blood Donor Month" for Oakland and urges all citizens to pay tribute to those among us who donate for others in need, and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: that the Council urges citizens in good health to donate regularly and urges civic and service organizations and businesses, if they have not already done so, to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, and President REID.

NOES -  
ABSENT -  
ABSTENTION -

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