


OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER

Nancy J. Nadel



Resolution Declaring February 2005 as "American Heart Month" and February 4th as "Wear Red for Women Day" in the City of Oakland

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death;

WHEREAS, one in five females in the U.S. has some form of cardiovascular disease, the cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the U.S. is estimated at \$368.4 billion and approximately one out of every 2.4 women's deaths results from heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular disease; and;

WHEREAS, heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than half a million women each year -- more than the next seven causes of death combined, and nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer including breast cancer; and,

WHEREAS, every year for the past 20 years, more women than men have died of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases and women account for more than 55% of deaths or 65,000 more deaths per year than men; and

WHEREAS, by increasing awareness of the risk factors for this devastating disease and taking actions to reduce them, we can save thousand of lives each year; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month and the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women launched to encourage women to pay attention to their hearts and help them live longer, stronger lives by reducing their risk for cardiovascular disease; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, does hereby proclaim February 4, 2005, to be

"Wear Red for Women Day"

in the City of Oakland and urges all citizens to wear red in recognition of family, friends and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease, and as a show of support to fight it.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20 __

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE,

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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