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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL****RESOLUTION No. 79790 C.M.S.****INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JEAN QUAN**

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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS MONTH IN THE  
CITY OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, hemophilia is a rare, genetic blood disorder in which in one of the blood's 13 clotting factors is missing or deficient, causing spontaneous or trauma-related bleeding anywhere in the body, including the soft tissues, joints, muscles, and organs; and

WHEREAS, the hemophilia community has been decimated by the outbreak of AIDS and the spread of HIV and other diseases through the formerly untested blood supply, prompting the improvement of blood safety standards and the development of safer, recombinant factor replacement products; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 20,000 people in the United States have hemophilia and hundreds of thousands of people, from family members and friends to medical professionals, are affected by hemophilia throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, approximately 110 people living in Oakland have hemophilia, including children for whom the visible symptoms of hemophilia such as bruising and hematomas are often misdiagnosed or mistaken as evidence of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studies document that males with hemophilia who obtain medical care at a federally designated Hemophilia Treatment Center have 40% lower rates of death and hospitalizations compared to males with hemophilia who obtain medical care elsewhere;

WHEREAS, members of the hemophilia community continue to advocate at the state and national level to retain and improve health care coverage and benefits, as pre-treatment or early and aggressive treatment of bleeds can save lives, prevent hospital stays, maintain joint health, reduce long-term medical costs, and promote a normal lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, in February 1986, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation to "stimulate public awareness about hemophilia and...encourage the development of improved techniques of diagnosis and treatment" (Pres. Proc. No. 5442, 51 FR 6507, 1986 WL 142001 (Pres.)), officially designating March as 'Hemophilia Awareness Month;'

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: March is proclaimed as Hemophilia Awareness Month in the City of Oakland to promote awareness of hemophilia and other related blood disorders, to encourage the continued advancement in diagnosis, treatment, health care coverage, and blood product safety, and to foster compassion for those individuals so affected in our community.

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

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

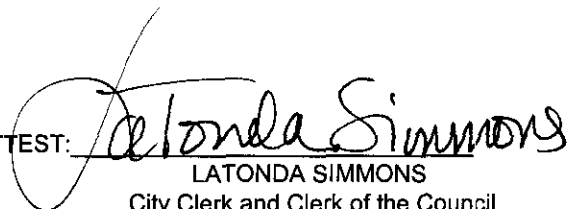
AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE — 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:

  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California