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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.
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Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19-25, 2008 AS "NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK"

WHEREAS, childhood lead poisoning remains the single greatest preventable environmental disease effecting children, and the only way to know if a child has been exposed to lead is through a blood lead test; and

WHEREAS, all scientific evidence compiled over the last decade indicates there is no known safe level of lead exposure for children. Lead poisoning can cause serious long-term harm, particularly to children under the age of six, including learning disabilities, behavior problems, and long term brain damage; and

WHEREAS, while lead-based paint, dust, soil, continue to be the primary sources of lead exposure, children are also placed at risk via contaminated toys and jewelry, and certain imported ceramic pottery, traditional home remedies and imported candies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland supports the endeavors of the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to educate the public about the dangers of lead exposure and joins with the Program in saluting medical providers in the City of Oakland who have played an important role in encouraging parents and guardians of at risk children to be tested for lead; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims the week of October 19-25, 2008 as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" and express appreciation to the following physicians for their contribution in the effort to prevent and treat childhood lead poisoning:

- Brian Blaisch, MD, Oakland Pediatric Medical Group
- Shawnda Johnson, MD, Kaiser Permanente Pediatrics
- John Pescetti, MD, La Clinica de la Raza
- An Pham, MD, International Pediatrics;

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council encourages all of Oakland residents, local governments, agencies, and businesses to observe this important event by learning more about childhood lead poisoning and ensuring all children under the age of six who are at risk for lead poisoning get a blood lead test.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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