

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel

Resolution Declaring January 2005 as “Volunteer Blood Donor Month” in the City of Oakland

WHEREAS, Volunteer Blood Donor Month has been declared nationally since 1970 to help ensure an adequate blood supply and to stress the importance of giving the “Gift of Life” through the donation of blood; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Blood Donor Month is a month-long observance that shows us that donating blood is a simple, safe, life-saving and selfless gift that millions of Americans can do; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Blood Donor Month makes us aware that every day blood is needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to save the lives of accident victims; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Blood Donor Month addresses the need for constant replenishment of blood, 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, Volunteer Blood Donor Month helps us understand that sixty percent of the US population is eligible to donate blood but only about five percent do, contributing an annual total of about 15 million units, that in turn are transfused to approximately four million patients; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Blood Donor Month is a joint effort by the American Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), and America’s Blood Centers that have a goal to collect 1.25 million units of blood during January 2005; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council does hereby declare the month of January as “Volunteer Blood Donor Month” in the city of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20 __

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES–

ABSENT–

ABSTENTION–

ATTEST:

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California