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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel

## Resolution declaring January 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**, in Northern California, the American Red Cross provides 130,000 units of blood per year for the protection of patients, and there is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Oakland City Council declares the month of January as "Volunteer Blood Donor Month" for the City of Oakland and urges all citizens in good health to donate regularly. The City Council also urges all civic and service organizations and businesses to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.

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