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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 84823 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 8TH-15TH AS HEPATITIS C AWARENESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, CALLING ON OAKLANDERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREVENTABLE INFECTION AND TO PARTICIPATE IN CITYWIDE EDUCATION EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE THIS OBSERVANCE

WHEREAS, hepatitis C is an infectious liver disease that ranges in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness that attacks the liver; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C is a preventable infection that affects thousands of residents of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C disproportionately affects Oakland's communities of color and marginalized populations and is five times more common than HIV; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C affects nearly 5 million people in the United States and over 200 million people in the world, and is the leading cause of liver transplantation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the majority of people with hepatitis C are unaware of their infection; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C can lead to cirrhosis, liver cancer, and death when left untreated; and

WHEREAS, the O.A.S.I.S. Clinic in Oakland is dedicated to serving the healthcare and psychosocial needs of persons infected with hepatitis C (HCV) as well as serving as a champion for awareness, prevention, and testing; and

WHEREAS, while there is no vaccine for hepatitis C, treatments can cure over 90% of those affected; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims the week of March 8 to March 15, 2014 as Hepatitis C Awareness Week in Oakland, CA; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council encourages its residents to learn how to reduce the development and medical consequences of this preventable infection by participating in activities held to commemorate this observance.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FEB 18 2014

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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ATTEST. *[Signature]*
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California