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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85906 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 1ST, 2015 AS “WORLD AIDS DAY” TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE WORLDWIDE FIGHT AGAINST HIV AND AIDS

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is a global initiative to raise awareness, fight prejudice, and improve education about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS; World AIDS Day is December 1st; and

WHEREAS, around the world, about 35 million people are living with HIV. In the United States, about 50,000 people get infected with HIV every year and about 1 in 5 infected Americans don't know they have HIV; and

WHEREAS, misconceptions about HIV transmission and stigma contribute to new HIV/AIDS diagnoses within Oakland; it is critical to raise awareness of the potential for HIV infection in our community and offer culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV testing and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has declared a local emergency due to the existence of a critical public health crisis due to the HIV epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the HIV Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit at the Alameda County Public Health Department recently reported that the City of Oakland suffers from twice the rate of new diagnoses of HIV as Alameda County¹; as of the end of 2014, 3,275 residents of Oakland were living with HIV; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the national HIV/Aids Strategy states that “The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare, and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination”²; Alameda County data show

¹ “Overview of the HIV Epidemic in Oakland”, HIV Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit, Alameda County Public Health Department. November 13th, 2015.

² <https://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/national-hiv-aids-strategy/nhas-update.pdf>

our communities of men, African Americans, and men who have sex with men all contract HIV at rates far higher than the general population³ and so we must continue to focus our efforts especially with these communities in mind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the city of Oakland hereby recognizes December 1st 2015 as World Aids Day, supports the goals and ideals of World AIDS Day and the President's Emergency Plan For Aids Relief's goal of achieving an AIDS-free generation by 2030.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY -8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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

³ https://blog.aids.gov/wp-content/uploads/Davis-Oakland-6-24-14-HIV_Epidemiology-in-Alameda-County.pdf