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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN AND COUNCILMEMBER MCELHANEY**

**A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 7, 2020 AS NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE AIDS PROJECT OF THE EAST BAY (APEB) AS A LEADER IN OAKLAND AND THE EAST BAY IN EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND ENDING THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH HIV/AIDS AMONG SOME OF THE MOST MARGINALIZED AND VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of Oakland, California seeks to address, empower, and support the public health and welfare of its constituents and those living with HIV/AIDS in the city of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council passed Resolution No. 70644 C.M.S. on December 14, 1993, declaring a local emergency with regards to the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, the City Council has renewed its declaration of a local public health emergency due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic at each of its regular Council meetings to assure the epidemic remains in the forefront and efforts continue to address this epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 7, 1999 the Strategic Leadership Council established the first National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) as a grassroots effort to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS prevention, care, and treatment in communities of color; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Center for Disease Control estimated 45% of Americans living with HIV are over the age 50, 25% are 55 and older and 6% are over 65; and

**WHEREAS**, experts state one in seven Americans are HIV-positive, but don't know it; currently, there are about 37 million people living with HIV; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 0.4% are living with HIV in the city of Oakland, at which there were 15.2 diagnoses per 100,00 people with the county's HIV rate in 2015 to 2017 slightly higher than the national average of 11.8 per 100,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2015 and 2017, 38% of all HIV/AIDS diagnoses were African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, although HIV/AIDS rates in the county overall have declined between 2006 and 2017, and dramatically so for African Americans, particularly among African-American women; and

**WHEREAS**, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day focuses on the challenging issues facing the African American population with regards to HIV prevention, testing, treatment, care and ending the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day provides the space for us to better understand the effects of HIV among Blacks, African American, Africans, and other members of the Pan African Diaspora; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council recognizes the AIDS Project Of The East Bay (APEB), as a leader in the City of Oakland and East Bay Region in the education, prevention and ending the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS among some of the most marginalized and vulnerable individuals; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council recognizes February 7, 2020 as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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