

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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Introduced by Councilmember Jane Brunner

## RESOLUTION DECLARING JANUARY 2008 TO BE OAKLAND'S AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR MONTH

**WHEREAS, Blood Donor Month** has been declared 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, 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, 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, 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, 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 16 million units to the American Red Cross, that in turn are transfused to approximately four million patients; and

**WHEREAS, in Northern California, the American Red Cross** provides 140,000 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 month of January is "**Blood Donor Month**" for Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that all citizens are urged to pay tribute to those among us who donate for others in need; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that all civic and service organizations and businesses are encouraged 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