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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

### RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> TO OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

**WHEREAS**, October 23<sup>rd</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> is National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week which seeks to raise awareness about the risks of children accidentally being exposed to lead in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, lead poisoning can seriously affect a child's brain and nervous system and has been shown to cause learning and behavioral problems that impact a child for the rest of their life; and

**WHEREAS**, new research shows that besides lead poisoning, which can be potentially fatal, there is no level of lead in the blood that can be considered safe and that any level of lead can negatively impact a child's development; and

**WHEREAS**, in California, children are exposed to lead through a number of pathways: by ingesting lead-contaminated dust, paint chips from deteriorating lead-based paint, lead-contaminated soil, traditional home remedies, and imported spices, candies, and other food products; from exposure to lead dust brought home on parents' work clothes, certain imported ceramic pottery, and painted objects; and through certain activities that involve lead products such as soldering, making stained glass, and handling bullets or fishing sinkers; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to lead is entirely preventable through the routine testing of children, especially one to two year olds who are at highest risk for ingesting items with lead and who are rarely tested in the State of California, which triggers families and public health workers to identify and abate previously unrecognized sources of lead exposure when children are found to have elevated blood lead levels; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland hereby declares the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> as National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and encourages all residents with young children under the age of six to have their medical provider conduct preventative testing.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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