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Oakland City Council

RESOLUTION No.	C.M.S.
Introduced by Vice Mayor Nancy Nadel	

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY AND DECLARING JUNE 27, 2012, NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the medical condition now known as HIV/AIDS was first detected in our country thirty years ago, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic is now entering its fourth decade; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) launched the National HIV Testing Day Campaign (NHTD), in recognition of and alarm at the growing number of HIV infections in heavily impacted communities, including communities of color, and annually organizes NHTD in partnership with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other national and local entities across the country; and

WHEREAS, elected officials of our cities and towns are uniquely well placed to help their constituents understand that all Americans need to be tested for HIV, to safeguard their own health and help bring the epidemic under control;

WHEREAS, this unique and effective program created by People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) sends the message that prevention and control of HIV is a community as well as an individual imperative;

WHEREAS, on this day we greatly raise the number of those informed about HIV and that we make effective treatment options more readily available. On this day forward we plan to make dramatic change so that fewer new cases of HIV will take place; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That June 27 is designated as "National HIV Testing Day," a day for all Americans and those within our borders to seek out voluntary testing and counseling to learn about their HIV status to take control of their lives; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution and copies hereof are to be presented to the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) in appreciation of their concern for and dedication to PLWHA everywhere.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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