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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY REID AND COUNCIL MEMBER
LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2018 AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH AND MAY 10TH, 2018 AS LUPUS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, More than five million people worldwide suffer from the devastating effects of lupus, and each year another 100,000 men, women and children will be diagnosed with this disease; and it is 2-3 times more prevalent among people of color, including African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes inflammation of various parts of the body particularly the skin, heart, joints and kidneys; and

WHEREAS, Lupus research shows that 1.5 million Americans have been diagnosed with lupus, which and strikes women about nine times more frequently than it does men; and

WHEREAS, Lupus, while is not infectious, rare or cancerous, affects more people than cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle cell anemia, and cystic fibrosis combined; and

WHEREAS, Lupus, although ranges from mild to life threatening, and thousands of Americans who have lupus die each year, many cases can be managed with proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient; it affects the patient's family, friends, coworkers, employers and community; and

WHEREAS, Existing public information and programs about Lupus in California remain inadequately disseminated and insufficient in addressing the needs of specific diverse populations and other underserved groups; and

WHEREAS, The Lupus Foundation of Northern California, serving California from Santa Cruz to the Oregon border, was founded as a nonprofit organization to alleviate suffering for lupus patients through patient and family services, achieve early dedication of undiagnosed cases, through awareness promotion and achieve the eradication of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatment are critical to the improvements of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus sufferers; and

WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education and research are the key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That The Oakland City Council hereby recognizes May, 2018 as Lupus Awareness Month and May 10th, 2018 as Lupus Awareness Day in the City of Oakland, and extends heartfelt wishes to the Lupus Foundation of Northern California for success in their core objectives in the future.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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