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December 2, 2014

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach to Commemorate National Family Caregivers Month.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of November 18, 2014, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By

AMY R. WEBBER
Deputy City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH TO COMMEMORATE NATIONAL
FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

WHEREAS, close to 145,600 homecare workers in the County of Los Angeles, including over 11,200 workers who reside in Long Beach, deliver quality care to our most vulnerable residents, including seniors and adults and children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, homecare workers not only provide vital care to those in need, but by doing so save taxpayers millions of dollars each year when compared to more costly tax funded institutional care; and

WHEREAS, the work of homecare workers often goes unnoticed as do the financial struggles caregivers and their families experience in order to provide this lifeline service to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the number of family and non-family members requiring in-home care will drastically increase as the number of Americans who are 65 years of age and older is expected to double in the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the future demands of caregiving, we must ensure a stable workforce by recognizing today the important contributions homecare workers bring to those receiving care, to our communities and to society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, providing homecare workers with a living wage will generate demand for goods and services in the local economy, stimulate increased employment opportunities, and generate additional income which will in turn lead to additional spending in Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, other communities across California including Los Angeles, San Diego, West Hollywood, Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco have taken steps to

1 recognize the importance of creating a pathway to a fair and living wage as a standard to
2 lift workers out of poverty and revitalize communities;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
4 follows:

5 Section 1. That it stands in support of homecare workers, acknowledging
6 the essential work and contributions they bring to Long Beach by officially recognizing the
7 month of November as Family Caregivers Month and supporting their efforts to lift
8 themselves and their communities out of poverty as they fight for a path to earn an hourly
9 wage of \$15.

10 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
11 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

12 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
13 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____,
14 2014, by the following vote:

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16 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
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20 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
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22 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
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