

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MULTIPLE MYELOMA ACTION MONTH MARCH 2017

WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma, the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow, called "multiple", because the cancer can occur at multiple sites; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than one thousand people in the United States, with an estimated twenty thousand new cases diagnosed each year and ten thousand losing their battle with this disease each year; and

WHEREAS, Once a disease of the elderly, it is now being diagnosed in increasing numbers in people under sixty-five; and

WHEREAS, Because Multiple Myeloma is a rare disease there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment, for this reason an increased action of the disease for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

WHEREAS, Continued investment and innovation is critical in achieving early diagnosis and implementing the most effective and safest treatments for Myeloma patients; and

WHEREAS, Although we have seen important advances in the last decade, there is still no cure for Multiple Myeloma; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1990, the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education, research and treatment of Multiple Myeloma, committed to finding a cure, they support the treatment of people suffering with Myeloma and encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and educational programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby recognizes **MULTIPLE MYELOMA ACTION MONTH MARCH 2017**, encourages all residents to participate in voluntary activities that support funding of research programs to find a cure for Multiple Myeloma.