

RESOLUTION

NO. R-26-238

CITY HALL: June 4, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS GREEN, MCCARRON, HARRIS AND KING

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY BLOOD DONATION
EFFORTS DURING THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, July 4, 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a milestone in the history of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Semiquincentennial provides an opportunity for communities across the nation to reflect upon the values of service, sacrifice, unity, and civic responsibility which have shaped our country; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an adequate blood supply is essential to supporting hospitals, emergency medical providers, disaster response efforts, and lifesaving medical treatment throughout the Gulf South region; and

WHEREAS, every two seconds an individual in the United States requires a blood transfusion, yet only a small percentage of eligible individuals donate blood each year; and

WHEREAS, encouraging blood donation efforts during the 2026 hurricane season helps strengthen emergency preparedness capabilities and promotes the health, safety, and resilience of our communities; and

WHEREAS, blood donors demonstrate a spirit of volunteerism and public service reflective of the enduring ideals upon which the United States was founded;

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Orleans Council hereby recognizes and supports community blood donation efforts during June and July 2026 as part of the national observance of

America's 250th Anniversary and encourages residents, businesses, churches, schools, and civic organizations to participate in blood donation drives and related community service initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be shared with participating community organizations and partners engaged in America 250 initiatives.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.