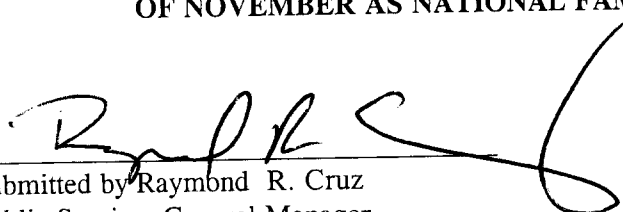





City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

November 15, 2011
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-135, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH


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Approved by David C. Biggs
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

November has been designated as "National Family Caregivers Month." In an effort to highlight the hard work, dedication, and courage that all in-home caregivers provide every day to their loved ones, the City Council is asked to support Resolution No. 11-135, recognizing the month of November as "National Family Caregivers Month" (Exhibit No. 1)

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-135, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH."
2. INSTRUCT staff to transmit a copy of the executed resolution to Melinda Ramos-Alatorre with the SEIU-ULTCW.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Studies show that more than 65 million family caregivers in the United States provide some form of in-home care to a parent, grandparent, child, aunt, uncle, or other family member. On average, in-home family caregivers spend 20 hours per week caring for their loved ones, while 13% of caregivers are providing 40 hours of care or more per week. It is anticipated that the number of family and non-family members requiring in-home care will increase dramatically over the next 30 years, as the number of Americans age 65 and older will double.

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The city of Carson’s Respite Program supports over 40 caregivers who are providing in-home care to family members and loved ones. In addition, the Senior Assisted Living Coordinator invited local caregivers to attend the Caregiver Conference that was hosted by USC’s Caregiver Resource Center.

Tonight, the City Council is asked to approve Resolution No. 11-135, recognizing this month of November as “National Family Caregivers Month.” By acknowledging the selfless work provided by Carson’s caregivers, the city expresses its support of the quality care they provide to our most vulnerable residents.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

- 1. Resolution No. 11-135. (pgs. 1-2)

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Development Services
Economic Development	Public Services

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____

RESOLUTION NO. 11-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

WHEREAS, more than 65 million Family Caregivers in the United States demonstrate their Courage to Care everyday by providing some form of in-home care to a parent, grandparent, child, aunt or uncle; and

WHEREAS, In-Home Supportive Services (I.H.S.S.) providers who deliver quality care to our most vulnerable residents are among these caregivers who have the Courage to Care; and

WHEREAS, In-Home Caregivers 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 In-Home Caregivers 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 care giving we must ensure a stable workforce by recognizing today the important contributions In-Home Caregivers bring to those receiving care, to our communities and to society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is designated as National Family Caregivers Month, it offers the perfect opportunity to highlight the hard work, dedication and courage to care that all In-Home Caregivers exemplify everyday – in caring for both family and non-family members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Carson stands united with In-Home Caregivers and will emulate their Courage to Care by officially recognizing the month of November as National Family Caregivers Month, acknowledging the essential work and contributions In-Home Caregivers bring to the City of Carson, and will work with them to protect programs and services such as I.H.S.S., keep a fundamental commitment to our low-income seniors and disabled, and ask that the State Legislature and Congress maintain that commitment as well.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST:

Mayor Jim Dear

City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney