

2026 National Kidney Month Resolution

WHEREAS, more than 35 million individuals across the United States are affected by kidney disease, a silent condition that impacts 1 in 7 American adults, with as many as 90 percent unaware of their diagnosis due to the lack of early symptoms. 1 in 3 people are at risk for kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease is associated with significant morbidity, mortality, and financial burden, with advanced kidney disease among the highest cost drivers in U.S. healthcare; and

WHEREAS, risk factors including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, family history, medications like ibuprofen increase the likelihood of developing kidney disease, and proactive screening and early intervention are essential to improving long-term health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, disparities in kidney health persist, with certain racial and ethnic communities experiencing disproportionately higher rates of kidney failure and barriers to timely, high-quality care; and

WHEREAS, despite the prevalence and severity of kidney disease, public awareness remains low, contributing to delayed diagnosis, challenges in the implementation of therapies, and long wait times for kidney transplants; and

WHEREAS, testing is easy, a simple blood and urine test; early diagnosis, guideline-directed therapy, and increased public education are vital to slowing disease progression and improving outcomes for individuals living with kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, the green ribbon symbolizes the collective fight against kidney disease, representing hope, renewal, and a shared commitment to advancing prevention, early detection, support, and wellness; and

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WHEREAS, National Kidney Month, observed each March, serves as a nationwide call to action encouraging education, kidney health awareness, preventive care, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, local organizations, health professionals, advocates, caregivers, and community leaders play a vital role in expanding access to screening, education, outreach, and support services that save lives and improve kidney health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby proclaims the month of **March** as **National Kidney Month / Kidney Disease Awareness Month**, and urges all residents to learn about kidney health, risk factors and support those affected by kidney disease.

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Long COVID is a globally recognized post-acute condition associated with SARS-CoV-2 that can result in persistent, multisystem symptoms and functional limitations affecting people across all ages, occupations, and socioeconomic statuses; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to result in sustained and, for many individuals, enduring health and functional impacts for residents of Los Angeles, including ongoing symptoms and limitations that substantially affect daily life and functioning; and

WHEREAS, Long COVID can affect an individual's ability to work, receive income, maintain housing stability, access services, meet basic financial needs, provide or receive care, and participate fully in civic and community life; and

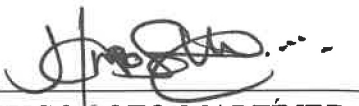
WHEREAS, individuals living with Long COVID may experience disability and access needs that intersect with existing systems related to health care, employment, housing, education, transportation, public benefits, and legal and administrative processes; and

WHEREAS, addressing the impacts of Long COVID requires coordinated public awareness, prevention, education, and support efforts that extend beyond individual responsibility and individual clinical care; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has already formally recognized March 15 as Long COVID Awareness Day, and jurisdictions across the state and across the world observe this day annually to acknowledge the ongoing impacts of Long COVID;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby proclaims March 15 of each year as International Long COVID Awareness Day in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:


HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

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METROPOLITAN DIVISION B PLATOON

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Metropolitan Division B Platoon has demonstrated extraordinary professionalism, dedication, and teamwork in addressing a significant surge in organized residential and commercial burglaries throughout the greater Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, in August 2024, Metropolitan Division was directed by the Office of Operations to identify, locate, and arrest coordinated burglary crews operating across multiple bureaus, with B Platoon specifically tasked with leading complex Valley Bureau investigations; and

WHEREAS, over the course of one year, B Platoon conducted sustained, intelligence-driven enforcement operations resulting in the arrest of 14 burglary crews, 38 burglars, and the identification of 91 burglary suspects, while authoring 70 search warrants, recovering 15 firearms, achieving a 100 percent filing rate from the District Attorney's Office, and completing these operations without any uses of force and with only three vehicle pursuits; and

WHEREAS, the proactive and strategic enforcement efforts of B Platoon have led to measurable crime reductions, including a documented reduction of approximately 100 burglaries year-to-date in West Valley Division and a four-year low in burglaries in Devonshire Division, as attributed to B Platoon's targeted investigations and arrests; and

WHEREAS, B Platoon successfully dismantled numerous organized criminal enterprises, including but not limited to the "Dion Hill Crew," responsible for more than 20 burglaries, robberies, and a shooting; the "White Charger Crew," connected to multi-county burglary operations; the "Rollin 60's / Geer Street Crip Crew," utilizing coordinated convoy tactics; and the "Uber Eats" and "Amazon" disguise crews, who employed deceptive delivery uniforms and sophisticated tools such as WiFi jammers and police scanners to evade detection; and

WHEREAS, B Platoon's investigations spanned multiple jurisdictions and required extensive coordination with Valley Bureau divisions, West Los Angeles Area detectives, North Hollywood detectives, the Robbery-Homicide Division, Gang and Narcotics Division, outside municipal agencies including Burbank Police Department, and allied law enforcement partners, reflecting exceptional interagency collaboration and leadership; and

WHEREAS, during a critical armed robbery investigation involving a series of high-value jewelry thefts, B Platoon coordinated surveillance, pursuits, tactical containment, and collaboration with SWAT and patrol resources, resulting in the safe apprehension of multiple

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armed suspects and the recovery of numerous firearms, all while safeguarding uninvolved victims and community members; and

WHEREAS, B Platoon's disciplined adherence to constitutional policing principles, operational security, and tactical precision ensured that complex and dangerous offenders were taken into custody without unnecessary force, thereby reinforcing public trust while enhancing community safety; and

WHEREAS, the sustained commitment, professionalism, courage, and investigative excellence displayed by Metropolitan Division B Platoon exemplify the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department and bring great credit upon the Department and the City of Los Angeles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes the Los Angeles Police Department Metropolitan Division B Platoon for their outstanding service, exceptional teamwork, and measurable impact in reducing organized burglary activity throughout the City.

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JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

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