RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, fatherhood exists in many forms, including stepfathers, foster fathers, relative caregivers, and father figures; and

WHEREAS, research shows that when fathers are involved in the lives of their children, those children tend to be more psychologically and emotionally balanced, have better social skills, higher grades, and stronger parenting skills when they start their own families; and

WHEREAS, father involvement can also significantly support the family, leading to healthier births, lower risk of postpartum depression, and reduced parenting stress; and

WHEREAS, a father's well-being is critical to remaining involved and being a positive presence in their children's lives, thereby building stronger bonds; and

WHEREAS, fatherhood well-being includes physical and mental health, healthy relationships, parenting skills, financial stability, and quality time with children; and

WHEREAS, HR 36(Gipson) would annually declare the month of June as Fatherhood Well-being Month; and

WHEREAS, the bill seeks to bring awareness of fatherhood and how the State can advance the well-being of fathers by ensuring fathers are healthy, thriving, and empowered in the lives of their children, leading to socioeconomically stable and inclusive communities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 36 (Gipson) which would annually declare the month of June as Fatherhood Well-being Month.

PRESENTED BY:

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