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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nadel

A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Barbara Newcombe as the Recipient of the 2010 Oakland "Mother of the Year" Award

WHEREAS, the "Mother of the Year" award is granted by Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation to an individual who has demonstrated an exceptional spirit of volunteerism and commitment to servicing the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newcombe moved to Oakland in 1984 and began volunteering at the Center for Investigative Reporting; and

WHEREAS, her seminal publication, *Paper Trails: A Guide to Public Records in California* (1991) provided guidance to the Task Force, of which she was a member, charged with writing the Sunshine Ordinance, resulting in a "more open" government; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newcombe served a three year term with the Oakland Public Ethics Commission and turned 80 years old at the end of the term; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newcombe's current effort is the restoration of the historic Cleveland Cascade, which has resulted in the formation of Friends of Cleveland Cascade; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newcombe is the proud mother of four and is a five-time grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newcombe has an unwavering dedication and love for her neighborhood and is an epitome of community activism; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council do hereby commend Barbara Newcombe for her contributions to Oakland and its residents, and being recognized as Oakland's 2010 *Mother of the Year*.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2009

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

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ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California