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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

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#### RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BETA THETA SIGMA CHAPTER OF THE SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY ON THEIR 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Whereas**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded on November 12, 1922 by seven educators at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana and has 85,000 members in 500 chapters in the U.S., Bahamas, Bermuda, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, Germany and Korea; and

**Whereas**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Beta Theta Sigma Chapter was chartered on November 30, 1947 and was the first chapter of the organization established in Northern California; and

**Whereas**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Beta Theta Sigma Chapter was initially comprised of members from across the country who made California their home, most of whom were educators employed in the Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco school systems – Evelyn Coleman Draper, Marie Spann Ivy, Gladys Boone, Ceola Coleman, Gertrude Barrett Davis Fox, Vallie Doyle, Gladys Boone, Ann King, Illistine Smith, Rebecca Brown and Vivian Vincent; and

**Whereas**, the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., is to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action., Beta Theta Sigma chapter, based in Oakland, CA has provided programming in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development to the Greater Bay Area for seventy years; and

**Whereas**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc visualizes a world in which all women and their families reach their full potential in all aspects of life and creates unlimited opportunities for future generations which it accomplishes under the auspices of the national program, Project Reassurance, which focuses on Healthy Living, Healthy Choices, and Healthy Generations; and

**Whereas**, in alignment with vision of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Beta Theta Sigma Chapter designs, develops and implements local initiatives and projects such as the Annual Youth Symposium, Hattie McDaniel Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop,

Project Cradle Care, Operation Big Bookbag, Act Against AIDS in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control, Swim 1922, a program to increase the number of African American youth swimmers in conjunction with USA Swimming, Soles for Little Souls the annual holiday Adopt A Family program; and

**Whereas**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Beta Theta Sigma Chapter has been an integral part of the Oakland, providing hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships and greater service to community; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** that the City of Oakland hereby commemorates the 70th Anniversary of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Beta Theta Sigma Chapter and extends gratitude for seven decades of service dedicated to the uplift of the educational, physical, civic and social wellbeing of all Oakland residents.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, MCELHANEY AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California