

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel

A Resolution in Recognition of Oakland Museum Women's Board 50th Anniversary.

Whereas, in 1955, the Oakland Museum Women's Board was established as a standing committee of the Oakland Museum Association (O.M.A.) to function as the activities, fundraising, and social arm of the O.M.A., to enhance all collections, to assume responsibility for Art Museum Prize money, and to assist in solving the problem of housing the three Oakland museums: the Snow Museum, the Art Museum, and the Oakland Public Museum in the Camron-Stanford House; and

Whereas, its first meeting was held in November 1955; and, in 1989, the organization incorporated as the non-profit, Oakland Museum Women's Board; and

Whereas, in 1959 the Women's Board held the first White Elephant Sale which netted \$508.78; and, in 2002, had gross receipts of over one million dollars; and

Whereas, in 1962, board members were instrumental in helping pass the bond issue, which built the present architecturally-recognized Oakland Museum of California; and

Whereas, the Women's Board has donated more than \$3,500,000 to the museum's Art Department, over \$2,800,000 to the History Department, over \$1,690,000 to Natural Sciences Department, and over \$1,400,000 to the Education Department; and

Whereas, more than \$1,800,000 has been donated for various other needs such as capital improvements, furnishing the kitchen of the Café, development of the Conservation Center, restoration of the Pond, and sponsoring the Collectors' Gallery; and

Whereas, the one hundred members of the Oakland Museum Women's Board and over 800 community volunteers annually contribute thousands of volunteer hours to the annual White Elephant Sale and the Oakland Museum of California; and

Whereas, 2005 marks the 50th anniversary of the Oakland Museum Women's Board, during which time the organization has donated the grand total of \$11,309,350 to the Oakland Museum of California from its fund raising efforts; now, therefore

Be it resolved, that the citizens of Oakland recognize that the Oakland Museum Women's Board has achieved at a high level its mandate to raise funds in support of the Oakland Museum of California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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