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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

Resolution Commemorating The First Annual Black Joy Parade And Celebrating Its Expressions Of Music, Dance, Art, Fashion, And Food.

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2018, Black Joy Parade founder, Elisha Greenwell, along with a group of passionate artists, educators, activists and friends, will host the 1st Annual Black Joy Parade through the streets of Oakland, California and the Black Arts Movement Business District.; and,

WHEREAS, joy is essential to black lives and Black Joy is the spirit of liberation, freedom and most of all, peace; and,

WHEREAS, Black Joy can be found in a variety of forms and doesn't look the same to everyone, it is vital to the black community that spaces and opportunities are created to allow community to choose happiness to combat the everyday struggle; and,

WHEREAS, inspired by the continued resilience, creativity, energy and intelligence of African-Americans, the Black Joy Parade is a hyper-positive, family-friendly event that celebrates the black experience and black contributions to cultures past, present and future; and,

WHEREAS, the vision of the Black Joy Parade is to bring together a diverse community and their allies by creating a space where every member of the Black community feels welcome to express their unique perspective and to further elevate the Black presence in the Bay Area, making it a more inspiring place for current and incoming people of color to call home; and,

WHEREAS, the Black Joy Parade, a first-of-its-kind event in Northern California, will draw attendees from the entire Bay Area through partnerships with community leaders, non-profits, and allies who believe in their mission and want to work collectively to ensure that Black Joy is celebrated; and,

WHEREAS, Black Joy is Black Power; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland is proud to be home to the first annual black joy Parade, to celebrate the unique expressions of music, dance, art, fashion, food and to commemorative this historic experience that will hopefully be the precursor of more Joy to come.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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