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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS JEAN QUAN

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2007
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Human trafficking and modern-day slavery is the third largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, victimizing millions of people and reaping billions in profits, with traffickers subjecting their victims to slave-like conditions and horrific violence, and leaving them with physical and mental scars and trauma that can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a major concern in the United States, with Department of Justice estimates varying from 960,000 incidents of violence against a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend per year to three million women who are physically abused by their husband or boyfriend per year; and

WHEREAS, a child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next, and violent juvenile offenders are 4 times more likely to grow up in homes where they saw violence, with 80 percent of youth runaways coming from violent homes; and

WHEREAS, every year, almost 6% of California's women suffer physical injuries from domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, the rate of domestic violence cases reported in Oakland remains in the high range compared to other cities in the nine Bay Area Counties, and the City of Oakland recognizes that domestic violence permeates all ethnic, racial, age, gender and socioeconomic populations, and that victims suffer physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence programs in the City of Oakland provide vital services to families, including crisis hotlines, emergency shelter, support programs for children and teenagers, public education, intervention and legal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland helped found, and is part of, the Sexually Exploited Minors Task Force and the City of Oakland's Measure Y helps to fund services for children; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Family Justice Center (ACFJC) is a new community initiative launched by more than 50 organizations and 150 people who have joined together to provide the comprehensive services required by domestic violence victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all citizens in the City of Oakland so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our community; and be encouraged to remember domestic violence survivors and their families, in order to promote the programs and organizations that serve them and to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of people throughout the City of Oakland; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council does hereby proclaim October 2007 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Oakland and wishes to call this observance to the attention of its citizens.

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