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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____79089_____ C.M.S.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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Arts Education Month
March 2005

WHEREAS, the arts are a central and essential component in creating a vital Oakland, and provide a language for the citizens of Oakland to connect across differences and facilitate our understanding of our place in the world, and

WHEREAS, through arts education children are given opportunities to develop skills and imagination, while challenging the boundaries of their potential, and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of OUSD's Elementary students participate in the pull out instrumental music program, a voluntary music program where children are pulled out of regular class to receive lessons; while only 16 percent of OUSD's Elementary students get weekly fine arts, as part of release time funded by the district, and

WHEREAS, Oakland celebrates Art IS Education as part of an Alameda County effort to develop public understanding of the role of the arts in learning, and

WHEREAS, this month, in a statewide effort observing Arts Education Month, California counties, school districts, schools, museums, performing arts centers, libraries and government buildings host events that illustrate the importance and lifelong benefits of arts education; therefore be it
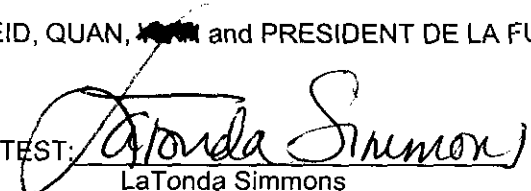
RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland places its focus on youth art education in the month of March, celebrating Art IS Education, and communicating the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to our city's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to Alameda County students and to enhance public and educational support for this essential part of school curriculum.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____**MAR 1 5 2005**_____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- ~~CAMPOS~~, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, ~~KERN~~ and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE —6

NOES- Ø
ABSENT- BROOKS — 1
ABSTENTION- Ø

ATTEST: _[signature]_
LaTonda Simmons
interim City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California