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OAKLAND CITY COUNCILFILED
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OAKLAND**RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.**2010 JUL 14 AM 10:30
Introduced by Councilmember _____**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNUAL OAKLAND PRIDE FESTIVAL AND HONORING THE OAKLAND PRIDE ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO OAKLAND AND THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER AND ALLIED COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, September 5, 2010 marks the first annual Oakland Pride Festival in Oakland, which is a celebration highlighting the rich culture and diversity of the City of Oakland and it's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ), and allied communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 U. S. Census reports that Oakland has the third highest population of Gays and Lesbians in the United States following behind San Francisco and Seattle, Oakland also maintains the largest population of Lesbians in the United States in addition to the largest concentration of LGBTQ families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2009 Oakland Pride was incorporated by three individuals envisioning a way for the LGBTQ and allied communities to celebrate pride in their community and in the beautiful City of Oakland, and Oakland has not had any LGBTQ celebrations in more than six years; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Pride is dedicated to educating the greater community and promoting equality, civic involvement and responsibility within Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Pride is committed to facilitating leadership and coalition building for the funding and development of Oakland's first LGBTQ Community Center for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has been at the forefront of supporting equality for all including those in the LGBTQ communities and has actively supported legislation and laws that promote equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Oakland and the City Council have been vocal in their stance on issues concerning the LGBTQ community and have marched with Oakland Pride in support of their mission and the LGBTQ community in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Pride organization is providing a place for celebration of pride in the City of Oakland in addition to helping in the establishment of a much needed LGBTQ center and should be recognized for providing distinguished service to the City of Oakland and the LGBTQ community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council recognizes and honors Oakland Pride's commitment to the LGBTQ community and the City of Oakland and celebrates with Oakland Pride reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion for all; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council does observe September 5, 2010 as the First Annual Oakland Pride (LGBTQ and allies') celebration and declare it as "Oakland Pride Day".

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California