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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE OMEGA BOYS CLUB ON THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, the Omega Boys Club, also known as the Alive & Free program is celebrating its 30th year of transforming the lives of thousands of youth by teaching them to be immune to the disease of violence and family and community of support; and

Whereas, Alive & Free's violence prevention radio show Street Soldiers has been a fixture on Bay Area radio station KMEL for 25 years; and

Whereas, Alive & Free has produced 225 college graduates and 65 with graduate degrees, many of whom are from the city of Oakland; and

Whereas, Alive & Free has replicated its Alive & Free Violence Prevention Prescription in 24 cities across the nation and around the world including Oakland, CA; and

Whereas, Alive & Free has over the years provided violence prevention programs and educational services to several schools in the Oakland Unified School District; and

Whereas, Alive & Free has awarded over \$7 million dollars in scholarship funding to traditionally underserved student youth; and

Whereas, Alive & Free and its co-founder Dr. Joseph Marshall are the recipients of the MacArthur Genius Award, the Children's Defense Award, the Essence Award, the Use Your Life Award from Oprah Winfrey and the San Francisco Foundation Community Leadership Award to name just a few; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: that the City of Oakland hereby recognizes the Alive & Free/Omega Boys Club and its co-founder Dr. Joseph E. Marshall, Jr. on the 30th Anniversary of its founding for its pioneering work, its commitment and determination for creating positive system-changing solutions and the world's most urgent social problems; and for the life-long impact Dr. Marshall and Alive & Free has made in the lives of many in the Oakland community, the Bay Area and the world.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California