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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE MCELHANEY
AND THE PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY

RESOLUTION HONORING ARBOR DAY AT CHILDREN'S FAIRYLAND ON SATURDAY MARCH, 15 IN WHICH PG&E WILL SPONSOR LOCAL COMPANIES FROM THE WESTERN CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF ARBORISTS AS WELL AS PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY TREE STAFF TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE TO ENHANCE OVER 100 TREES WITHIN FAIRYLAND THROUGH AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT AND CELEBRATION OF OAKLAND'S URBAN FOREST.

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is one of many ways that the City of Oakland and its residents express their commitment to being a sustainable and green city; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of Arbor Day, which inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees, go far beyond the shade and beauty of new trees for the next generation; and this celebration offers an opportunity to involve community leaders, students, and children in the continued interest and education of urban forestry and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, trees are essential to Oakland's urban ecosystem, working to improve our environment every day; in addition to their beauty and shade, trees filter urban particulate pollution such as dust, ash, pollen and smoke, they absorb CO2 and other pollutant gases while releasing oxygen back into the air; and

WHEREAS, Children's Fairyland, founded in 1950, strives to be a magical fantasy world where young children can create, imagine, play, and learn while creating educational and fun opportunities for kids; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 15, 2014 Fairyland is hosting an Arbor Day celebration which is designed for families and tree enthusiasts to learn and celebrate with arborists, tree inspectors and special performers in which the experts will give much-needed loving care and maintenance to over 100 large trees in this special part of Oakland's urban forest; and

WHEREAS, at this event, children will have the opportunity to climb trees like the pros, build bird houses and bee-hotels, learn how to compost, and witness live demonstrations on wood milling; and

WHEREAS, to PG&E has generously sponsored this effort to protect, restore, and enhance the environment because PG&E believes that a healthy environment is necessary for the well-being and vitality of the communities they serve and for society at large; and

WHEREAS, the Western Chapter of the Society of Arborists and the City of Oakland Public Works Tree Staff will provide the labor and demonstrations to the public on the wide varieties of trees located in Fairyland, including Redwood, Live Oak, Jacaranda, Pine, and Japanese Crab Apples trees; and

WHEREAS, the public is invited to celebrate Arbor Day at Fairyland (699 Bellevue in Lakeside Park) from 10 a.m. to 4p.m and more information can be found at <http://fairyland.org/events-and-performances/schedule-pf-events/>; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council recognizes March 15, 2014, Arbor Day at the Children's Fairyland and honors the support of PG&E, the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency, and the Western Chapter of the Society of Arborists.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES –
ABSENT –
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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