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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER KALB

### RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014 AS WALK TO WORK DAY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

**WHEREAS**, Oakland, a Transit First City, favors travel by transit, on foot, and by bicycle; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland, as signatory to the Urban Environmental Accord, pledged to promote low-impact forms of transportation such as walking and mass transit; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland understands the threats posed by global warming and climate change; and recognizes that walking is a non-polluting, no-cost, neighborhood friendly, and healthy mode of travel that will help address those threats; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland has the fifteenth highest percentage of people walking to work of the country's 50 largest cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland was ranked the 9<sup>th</sup> most walkable city in the nation by Walk Score; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland has a historic pedestrian pathway network comprising over 100 stairways and pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, major employers in Oakland such as Kaiser Permanente and the County of Alameda recognize and support walking as a healthy exercise and a favorable commute; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland is served with local public transit by AC Transit, the third largest bus system in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association is promoting April 2, 2014 as National Walking Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of San Francisco has recognized a day in April as Walk to Work Day since 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland provides historical walking tours through the City of Oakland Walking Tours program; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Urban Paths is a community-based organization providing walking tours of Oakland's historic pathways and stairways; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland staffs a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission that meets monthly, and provides a great opportunity for residents to provide important community input on City transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland provides maintenance and repairs to its network of historic pathways and stairs, including ten stairways planned for rehabilitation in the next eighteen months; and

**WHEREAS**, Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, California Walks, Transition Berkeley, the Berkeley Climate Action Coalition, and the Downtown Oakland and Lake Merritt/Uptown Associations, will encourage local workers to walk to work on Thursday, April 3; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland will recognize Walk to Work Day for the first time in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland residents are encouraged to walk to work on April 3, 2014, and can find resources about walking to work at [WalkToWorkDayEastBay.com](http://WalkToWorkDayEastBay.com); and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Walk to Work Day encourages local businesses to support their employees' walking and public transit commutes; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 3, 2014 as Walk to Work Day in the City of Oakland, and encourage residents to walk and take transit to work this day and every day; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That City of Oakland employees who can are encouraged to participate in Walk to Work Day on Thursday, April 3, 2014.

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:

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