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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OAKLAND POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL) FOR 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO OAKLAND'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND DECLARING JULY 30, 2013 AS OAKLAND PAL DAY

WHEREAS, Oakland Police Activities League (P.A.L) is a nonprofit organization that was started in 1981. The Oakland Police Officers Association, the Oakland Police Department and community leaders worked together to form the Oakland Police Activities League, also known as Oakland PAL. The founding officers recognized their dual responsibility to prevent crimes as well as to enforce the law; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, Oakland PAL's goal has been to get to kids before they get into trouble by filling playgrounds, not prisons. The Oakland PAL serves over a 1000 kids a year allowing them to participate in many different activities including leadership, track, basketball, G.R.E.A.T, and after school tutoring; and

WHEREAS, Oakland PAL's mission is to offer educational and recreational programs that provide a common platform for positive interaction between Oakland's youth and Police Officers; thereby fostering a mutual bond of respect, understanding, and trust to guide youth toward responsible, mature, and informed citizens. Oakland PAL encourages the principles of good will, friendship, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, One of PAL's most successful programs is the Oakland PAL Track and Field team. Founded 27 years ago by Officer Margaret Dixon, the PAL track team has provided this free program to hundreds of Bay Area youth. During the 2013 season, PAL had 100 athletes registered and 80 active throughout the season. This year, the athletes under 12 years old stood out and were dominant in the running and field events. On June 28-June 30th, the team traveled to Reno, Nevada to participate in the AAU West Coast Junior Olympics. Oakland PAL proudly received 2nd place out of more than 40 teams. At the same track meet, PAL's 9 year old girls swept the long jump with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place victory, including a new meet record set by Jazzlyn Gibbs with a jump of 13'8.25". Jazzlyn also won gold in the 100 and 200 meters. Oakland PAL also took home another meet record with a 4'8" high jump from 11 year old Paul Randall; and

WHEREAS, The Oakland PAL track team ended their season in Eugene, Oregon at the well renowned Track City Intemafional Classic. The Track City Classic was held at historic Hayward Field at the University of Oregon, home of several USA Olympic trials. These young athletes achieved medals in various events, such as the javelin, hurdles, high jump, 200 meters and 100 meters. One athlete who had an outstanding showing was 11 year old Malcolm Clemons. Malcolm medaled in all three of his events. Malcolm received a 1st place medal in the 100

meters, a 2nd place medal in the 200 meters, and a 1st place medal in the long jump with a personal best jump of 17'9". In addition to competing in Oregon, Coach Margaret Dixon also arranged for the students to take a tour of the University of Oregon so that they can get excited about going to college; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council, hereby recognizes Oakland Police Activities League (PAL) for 30 years of outstanding service to Oakland's children and youth; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in recognition of Oakland PAL's outstanding service and commitment to Oakland's children and youth the City Council, hereby declares **July 30, 2013** as:

"Oakland PAL Day"

In the city of Oakland and does encourage all of its residents to acknowledge the day accordingly

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