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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 21, 2007, 'REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM DAY' IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, a woman's control over her own body lies at the heart of the promise of human dignity, self-determination, and equality embodied in both the U.S. Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, reproductive rights are a crucial issue for women of every color, age, background, sexuality, and immigrant status; and

WHEREAS, the struggle for reproductive justice includes universal access to safe and affordable contraception, including emergency contraceptives; access to medically accurate sex education; reproductive health care free from discrimination, coercion, and violence; free, safe, and legal abortion on demand; universal healthcare, including safe pregnancy care; paid maternity leave; and quality child care; and

WHEREAS, women's strength is rooted in their access to education, financial security, safety from violence, and the authority to make responsible personal and family decisions; and

WHEREAS, the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (CCRF) is a diverse coalition of more than 40 organizations dedicated to ensuring that every woman has the community support and access to make informed personal decisions about her physical and sexual health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2007, the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom will host Reproductive Freedom Day, a day to take action and create change, in Sacramento, California, where hundreds of pro-choice advocates from around the state will meet for a day of legislative visits and workshops, to educate legislators about commonsense ways to prevent teen pregnancy and improve family communication, and to learn about emerging issues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council recognizes that reproductive freedom is a fundamental right that all governments are legally obligated to protect, respect, and fulfill; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby declares March 21, 2007 'Reproductive Freedom Day', and encourages all Oakland residents to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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