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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY
COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB AND COUNCILMEMBER LARRY REID

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 8-17, 2015
AS THE 19TH ANNUAL EAST BAY AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK.**

WHEREAS, quality affordable housing is vital to building healthy, safe, vibrant, and diverse communities

WHEREAS, affordable homes are the solution to homelessness, and provide support to seniors, families, youth, veterans, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, rising housing costs have led longtime residents to be displaced, live in overcrowded and substandard homes, or become homeless, threatening our region's diversity and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, creating new permanent affordable homes and preserving and improving existing rental housing helps our residents maintain community roots and encourages racial and economic diversity for generations,

WHEREAS development of affordable homes close to public transit and jobs can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide low income families better access to opportunities and amenities; and

WHEREAS, empowering residents living in affordable housing as advocates helps to shape better housing, tenant protections, and development policies;

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, community organizations and many others continue to build inclusive communities by providing shelter, homes and support for low-income people and those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Housing Organizations has organized Affordable Housing Week for 19 years and will feature 21 events acknowledging the need for and contributions of affordable housing; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED: the Oakland City Council hereby proclaim(s) May 8 – 17th, 2015 as the 19th Annual Affordable Housing Week in the City of Oakland; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland will continue to work to support affordable housing at the local, regional and state level and will encourage Oaklanders to participate in Affordable Housing Week activities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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