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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RECOGNIZING THE EAST BAY DRAGONS MOTORCYCLE CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club the nation's most legendary, most elite African-American motorcycle club, was founded in Oakland 50 years ago and since that time, have been a visible presence within the community, and;

WHEREAS, The East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club, in addition to being a positive social outlet for black men in Oakland, have a long and proud record of service to the community., and has supported many local charitable organizations, including riding for breast cancer, AIDS awareness and violence awareness, and;

WHEREAS, The East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club have held annual block parties in September at their clubhouse, donating school supplies and gift certificates to area stores for parents to purchase children's school clothes, and have also held an annual turkey drive for Thanksgiving, providing turkeys and other food staples for families in need so that they may have a festive meal, and;

WHEREAS, The East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club, each year, have sponsored a toy drive and delivered toys to Oakland children on their bikes, while dressing up as Santa Claus, while the organization opens up its clubhouse for one week so that families can come take free pictures with Santa Claus, and;

WHEREAS, The East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club participate in the "adopt a family" program annually as an organization, providing needy families with Christmas presents, grocery gift cards and hope, and;

WHEREAS, The East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club, when dealing with a community often battling negativity and violence, have remained a symbol of positive community activism and pride within Oakland and the African -American community at large, so therefore be it;

RESOLVED: *The City of Oakland acknowledges The East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club whose member ship remains proud of its Oakland roots, and honors the East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club for 50 years of service in and around the Oakland community, and be it;*

FURTHER RESOLVED: *That the members of the Oakland City Council as well as the residents of Oakland extend their appreciation for the 50 years of dedicated service to the City of Oakland by the East Bay Dragons Motorcycle Club, on this their 50th Anniversary in the City of Oakland.*

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