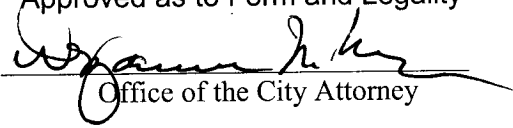


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 80849 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JEAN QUAN

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2007 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Human trafficking and modern-day slavery is the third largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, victimizing millions of people and reaping billions in profits, with traffickers subjecting their victims to slave-like conditions and horrific violence, and leaving them with physical and mental scars and trauma that can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a major concern in the United States, with Department of Justice estimating that 37% of all women who sought care in hospital emergency rooms for violence related injuries were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend; and

WHEREAS, a child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next, and violent juvenile offenders are 4 times more likely to grow up in homes where they saw violence, with 80 percent of youth runaways coming from violent homes; and

WHEREAS, On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends every day, and

WHEREAS, 4 million American women experience a serious assault by a partner during an average 12-month period, and

WHEREAS, the rate of domestic violence cases reported in Oakland remains in the high range compared to other cities in the nine Bay Area Counties, and the City of Oakland recognizes that domestic violence permeates all ethnic, racial, age, gender and socioeconomic populations, and that victims suffer physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of murders each year are directly and indirectly related to domestic violence;

WHEREAS, domestic violence programs in the City of Oakland provide vital services to families, including crisis hotlines, emergency shelter, support programs for children and teenagers, public education, intervention and legal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland helped found, and is part of, the Sexually Exploited Minors Task Force and the City of Oakland's Measure Y helps to fund services for children; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Family Justice Center (ACFJC) is a new community initiative launched by more than 50 organizations and 150 people who have joined together to provide the comprehensive services required by domestic violence victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all citizens in the City of Oakland so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our community; and be encouraged to remember domestic violence survivors and their families, in order to promote the programs and organizations that serve them and to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of people throughout the City of Oakland; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council does hereby proclaim October 2007 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Oakland and invites the public to participate in the 4th Report Forum on Domestic Violence on October 29, 2007 from 12pm to 2pm in the Council Chambers.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, OCT 2 2007, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

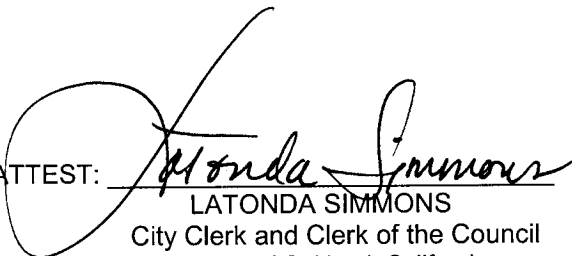
AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE — 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:


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