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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ NADEL _____

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004, AS THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S FIRST CARFREE DAY TO ENCOURAGE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES TO DRIVING ALONE

WHEREAS, surveys indicate that 30 percent of Americans would prefer a less car-dependent lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, many Bay Area residents do not take advantage of the many alternatives to driving available in Oakland and throughout the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, decreased auto-dependant commuting would benefit the health and safety of Oakland's citizens and address the public desire for decreased traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, there are many convenient options to commuting alone in Oakland and the Bay Region, including walking, bicycling, carpooling and public transit, and

WHEREAS, increased use of transportation options supports Oakland's initiatives to bring Bay Area residents back to the premier transit-friendly hub city of the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, International CarFree Day offers the opportunity for Oakland join with the 257 European cities and 7 cities in the United States, which last year participated in the growing carfree network of cities across the world; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland hereby proclaims Thursday, September 23, 2004 as Oakland CarFree Day to encourage commuters to try available transportation alternatives and to provide visibility to the widespread public desire for the benefits of reduced automobile dependence; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City will observe CarFree Day by sponsoring a transportation fair in Frank Ogawa Plaza featuring informational booths, speakers, and activities that promote available and creative alternatives to driving alone; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City encourages all employers, employees, businesses, public agencies, nonprofit groups, and residents to participate in Oakland CarFree Day 2004.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES -- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN, AND **ORA/COUNCIL**

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