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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED By COUNCILMEMBER Dan Kalb

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#### ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH AND HONORING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

**WHEREAS**, Bethany Baptist church will be celebrating its 55th anniversary on February 15, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Parishioners and clergy at Bethany Baptist Church have contributed countless hours of community service in North Oakland and throughout our entire city in its 55 years since being established; and

**WHEREAS**, Bethany Baptist Church and its parishioners consistently serve neglected members of Oakland's community and take a message of spiritual healing to communities through visiting the ill among us and through the bi-weekly serving food to the homeless and malnourished; and

**WHEREAS**, Bethany Baptist Church helps to organize monthly peace and justice marches to engage Oakland's community in efforts to keep the City safe and residents' morale high, and

**WHEREAS**, As members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the members of Bethany Baptist Church worked closely with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to rally nonviolently for equal rights as part of the Civil Rights movement, and

**WHEREAS**, Bethany Baptist Church has worked nationally and globally in assisting those who have been touched by national disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the pastorship and spiritual leadership of Reverend Johnny M. Leggett, Bethany Baptist Church's theme for the 55th year anniversary is. Persevering with Purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Bethany Baptist Church as a revered Oakland institution consistently dedicates itself to community service and to uniting Oakland's community at large; therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council joyously acknowledges and honors Bethany Baptist Church for stewardship, dedication, spirituality, and service to the residents of Oakland and for being a steadfast pillar of Oakland's community for the past 55 years

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