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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

Resolution Recognizing And Honoring Geoffrey Pete As An Iconic Oakland Leader And A Pillar Of The African American Business Community.

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lowery was born and raised in Oakland and is a proud product of the Oakland Unified School District and Chabot College; and

WHEREAS, from birth Geoffrey Pete was destined to be a man of strong convictions and political engagement; his great, great grandfather William Henry Galt was honored for his work in keeping the Confederacy out of California, his father Herman Pete, was a labor leader, his mother Dorothy Pete integrated the YWCA, and his brothers were members of the Black Panther Party; and,

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Pete is an organizer and advocate in the African American business community who built upon the foundation laid by the Black Panthers to press the City of Oakland to contract with African American businesses and hire locally for over 30 years; and,

WHEREAS, in 1970s Geoffrey Pete founded Geoffrey's Inner Circle, a thriving, world-class community venue that brings Black arts, entertainment and social connection for everyone from soul musicians and politicians to actors and athletes; and,

WHEREAS, located in Oakland's District 3, Geoffrey's Inner Circle is a jewel in Oakland's Black Arts Business District and remains a strong cornerstone of the African American community hosting family gatherings, corporate events, social parties, political events, press conferences and fundraisers; and,

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Pete was recognized at the 9th Annual Oakland Indie Awards for his Entrepreneurship as owner of one of the most influential local businesses with deep roots in the African American Business community; and,

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Pete has been described as a power broker, king maker, city boss and mentor, being lovingly referred to as "Uncle Geoffrey," renowned for his contribution to the City of Oakland's living history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby recognizes and honors Geoffrey Pete as an iconic Oakland leader and a pillar of the African American business community.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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