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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AASK – ADOPT A SPECIAL KID ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FORTIETH (40TH) ANNIVERSARY FOR THEIR PIONEERING WORK IN HELPING TO PLACE AND SUPPORT THOUSANDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN IN PERMANENT LOVING FAMILIES AND PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 1, 2013 AS AASK – ADOPT A SPECIAL KID DAY IN OAKLAND

WHEREAS, AASK believes that every child has the right to a safe, stable, and nurturing home and that all children are adoptable; and

WHEREAS, AASK identifies and trains competent, caring foster care and adoptive parents, provide education and support services, and nurture stable homes for foster kids; and

WHEREAS, AASK also offers families the award-winning Camp ALWAYS (A Life With Adoption Yields Success), a five-day summer retreat for adoptive families and provides annual scholarships to youth adopted from the California foster care system; and

WHEREAS, AASK was founded in 1973 by Bob and Dorothy DeBolt to help recruit and refer families who were interested in special needs adoption; and

WHEREAS, AASK quickly emerged as a leading advocate of special needs adoptions; and

WHEREAS, AASK played a major role in drafting and championing state and federal policies to minimize delays in the adoption of children with special needs and to increase funding for foster families; and

WHEREAS, AASK was one of the first in the United States to receive a Seal of Approval and be recognized as a Leader in Supporting and Serving LGBT Families by the Human Rights Campaign; and

WHEREAS, AASK is celebrating its 40th Anniversary on Friday November 1st with a Gala at Scott's Seafood Restaurant at Jack London Square;

WHEREAS, AASK continues to be a pioneer in foster and adoption services and continues to expand programming to meet the needs of our youth and families; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby recognizes AASK- Adopt a Special Kid, on the occasion of their fortieth (40th) anniversary, for their pioneering work in helping to place and support thousands of foster children in permanent loving families; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That November 1, 2013 shall be known as AASK- Adopt a Special Kid Day in Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON-MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN , REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California