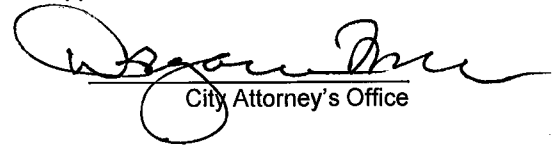


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

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### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2019 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE CULTURE, TRADITIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 573 federally recognized Indian Nations (also called tribes, pueblos, communities) in the United States. However, all American Indians and Alaska Natives are members of the original Indigenous peoples of North America; and Oakland and the entire Bay Area is Ohlone land; and

**WHEREAS**, despite historical injustices that have been happening to indigenous people throughout the world, indigenous peoples are taking their destinies into their own hands and they are strengthening their own communities; and the State of California, the Bay Area and the City of Oakland are fortunate to have a diverse community of many cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, the first to live on this land, Native Americans and their traditions and values inspired and continue to inspire many aspects of our communities; we are fortunate to live among a global community of various indigenous people that contribute to the betterment of our communities through their work, investment and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Native American community is fostering a new generation of leaders, working on fair and just treatment of indigenous communities by participating in efforts regarding the impacts of the global environmental crisis, public health care, and economic empowerment of all indigenous people not only in the United States but in communities throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, American Indians, Alaska Natives and all indigenous people have made distinct and important contributions to California, the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including medicine, music, art, spoken word, language, food, environment sustainability, agriculture and Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders and scholars; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people, foster awareness about the unique challenges Native and other Indigenous people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which Native communities are working to conquer these challenges; now therefore be it; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland, City Council recognizes November 2019 as Native American Heritage Month to honor and celebrate the heritage, cultures and contributions of Native American communities and individuals.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California

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