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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY REID AND
COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL, 2017 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library serves our community in 18 locations in neighborhoods throughout Oakland, online (24 hours per day, 7 days each week), and at various events such as Love our Lake Day, EarthEXPO, the Oakland Book Festival, and the Oakland Museum of California's 'Off the Grid' gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library values the concept of **Adaptability** – providing traditional materials such as books, magazines, and DVDs, but also lending more innovative resources such as children's toys, online music, audio books, streaming movies, e-books, plant seeds, WiFi hotspots, and household tools; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library values the power of **Community** – partnering with other institutions (including the Oakland Literacy Coalition, the AARP Foundation, the Museum of Children's Art, the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center, and the nonprofit Friends of the Oakland Public Library), as well as a large network of passionate volunteers who help the library provide excellent service to all the people of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library values the strength of **Diversity** – promoting and providing diverse books for all ages, hosting inclusive programs that celebrate our patrons' varied backgrounds, and launching innovative projects such as the Youth Poet Laureate Contest which seeks out and amplifies young voices; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library values the process of **Empowerment** – curating collections of up-to-date resources, hosting volunteers through the Alameda County Law Library who provide free legal counseling at 11 library locations every month, and planning "Know Your Rights" sessions to address current needs such as immigration status, transgender people and the law, and digital privacy rights; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library values the importance of **Equity** – designing new Play Cafés programs (funded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation) and gratefully continuing the 10-year old Quicker, Safer Trip to the Library grant (funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission and administered by BART) to increase regular library usage among children ages 0-5 at the Elmhurst, Martin Luther King, Jr., Melrose, and West Oakland Branch libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library values the principle of **Responsive Service** – creating innovative programs to meet community needs, including the library’s bike fix-it clinics, job and internship fairs, a veterans resource center, computer coding clubs, and free meals for children and teens; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library values the feeling of **Joy** – hosting the Awesome Orchestra in outdoor concerts, coordinating scores of fun children’s programs each summer, and most recently coordinating a popular library card design contest (co-sponsored by AC Transit and the Friends of the Oakland Public Library) to delight our patrons and community; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the Oakland Public Library and its core values; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council declares the month of April 2017 to be “National Library Month” in the City of Oakland and encourages all residents of Oakland to explore, connect, and grow at the Oakland Public Library.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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