

CITY OF OAKLAND

RESOLUTION No. 79618 C.M.S.

05 DEC -1 PM INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JEAN QUAN

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY'S ONE CITY, ONE BOOK INITIATIVE, JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2006

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library is launching its first One City, One Book initiative featuring Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's novel, *The Mistress of Spices*; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library is encouraging everyone in the City of Oakland to read and discuss this book and participate in a series of book discussions, literary and cultural programs, a reading by the author on February 10th and an Indian jazz benefit on February 13th; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the One City, One Book concept is to bring individuals together through the reading and discussion of a common book; and

WHEREAS, *The Mistress of Spices* is set in Oakland where it was filmed as a major motion picture and reflects the rich cultural diversity of the city; and

WHEREAS, a number of bookstores and cultural institutions, including the Museum of Children's Art, Yoshi's, A Great Good Place for Books, The Bookmark, Diesel Books, the Oakland Museum of California, the Friends of the Oakland Public Library, and *The Oakland Tribune*/ANG Newspapers will be participating in this city-wide endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland boasts a long tradition of fostering the literary arts, and has as one of its Council goals the promotion of the arts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of Oakland hereby supports January and February, 2006 as One City, One Book months in the City of Oakland, and encourages all residents to read and discuss *The Mistress of Spices* because the "city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony."

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC 20 2005, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

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ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: *Latonda Simmons*
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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California