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## **IN HONOR OF MAJOR GRACE TSE OF THE SALVATION ARMY CHINTOWN CORPS ON HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, The Salvation Army, for more than 150 years, has been a force for good by providing aid to the poor and most vulnerable members of our communities throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army expanded its operations to Oakland in 1883 and has maintained its presence and good works in our neighborhoods to this present day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army Community Services has encompassed programs for youth leadership training, Boy Scouts, inexpensive lunches for seniors, free meals during Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, food baskets for low-income families, and summer camps for low-income families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army Oakland Chinatown Corps was led by an extraordinary, selfless and tireless leader, Major Grace Tse, who has been with the Salvation Army for 27 years, 21 of those years in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army Chinatown Corps, led by Major Grace Tse, provided Youth Fellowship Camps, Youth Leadership Programs, SAT Preparation courses, and Summer Day Programs for over 21,000 youths in 21 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army Chinatown Corps, led by Major Grace Tse, fostered the League of Mercy group who made over 20,000 visits to homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and emergency rooms, in support of the sick and injured; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army Chinatown Corps, led by Major Grace Tse, has provided reduced cost lunches for seniors, free holiday luncheons, free holiday food baskets, and holiday gifts to low-income families in excess of 280,000 meals and 630,000 gifts in 21 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army Chinatown Corps, led by Major Grace Tse, received recognition from Blue Cross of California for outstanding community services in 2000 and 2004 and the US Department of Commerce Census Bureau for the outstanding work on census enumeration in 2000 and 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army Chinatown Corps, led by Major Grace Tse, purchased a building at 379 12th Street in 2008, thereby solidifying the a permanent place for church services, youth and senior programs, and meal service delivery; and,

**WHEREAS**, Major Grace Tse was awarded in 2009, the Salvation Army, New Frontier Trailblazer of the Year; now

**THEREFORE**, I, Abel J. Guillén, Councilmember of District 2 of the City of Oakland, take great pleasure in recognizing Major Grace Tse upon her retirement from service to the Salvation Army and the Oakland Chinatown Corps.

Proclaimed on this Day, Tuesday, June 20, 2017 in the City of Oakland

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Abel J. Guillén  
Councilmember of District 2  
City of Oakland