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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Council President Jane Brunner

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND HONORING LOCAL DISABILITY SERVICES AGENCIES AND DISABILITY ADVOCATES FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, July 26, 2010 marks the Twentieth Anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), which established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 U.S. Census reports that 84,452 Oakland residents, representing more than 21% percent of the population, have disabilities and over ten percent of the population is age 65 or over; and

WHEREAS, The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life, however, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, the Oakland City Council, and City staff have enjoyed a long-standing relationship enabling successful collaboration on issues preserving and upholding the civil rights of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, DeafHope is a nonprofit organization located in Oakland and was established for and by Deaf women in 2003 to end domestic and sexual violence against Deaf women and children by providing services to Deaf women and children who are survivors of domestic and sexual violence; by educating their community and service providers about domestic and sexual violence; and by providing statewide training and technical assistance to establish more Deaf-run services for Deaf survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific ADA Center (DBTAC) Federal Region IX Office, located in Oakland, has been building partnerships between the disability and business communities and promoting full and unrestricted participation in society for persons with disabilities through education and technical assistance since 1991; and

WHEREAS, Sojourner Truth Manor in Oakland has provided affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities since 1974 and upholds the value that every individual deserves the opportunity to live with grace and dignity and to age in place; and

WHEREAS, Catherine DuBois is the Deaf Services Coordinator for Laney College and should be recognized for providing distinguished service to the City of Oakland and the Deaf community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council celebrates and recognizes the progress that the City has made in implementing the Act by reaffirming the principals of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council wishes to convey honor and commendations to the City of Oakland's resourceful advocates, dedicated public employees, and devoted city residents who have worked together to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act, especially: the Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities; DeafHope; the Pacific ADA Center; Sojourner Truth Manor; and Catherine DuBois, Laney College Deaf Services Coordinator; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council does observe July 26, 2010, as the Twentieth Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and declare it as "Americans with Disabilities Act Day".

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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