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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

**Resolution Recognizing Lincoln Child Center For Serving
Oakland Children and Families For The Last 130 Years.**

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Child Center was founded in 1883 as the region's first volunteer-run, non-sectarian, and fully integrated orphanage; and, as times and community needs evolved, Lincoln's commitment to vulnerable children remained strong, their programs and services have grown and changed over its more than 130 years and the underlying philosophy, values and beliefs that drive their mission remain; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Child Center provides educational and behavioral health care services for children and families living throughout the Bay Area through public and non-public education and community based programs, and for years, Lincoln Child Center's mission has been to enable vulnerable and emotionally troubled children and their families to lead independent and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, Lincoln began serving abused, neglected and emotionally challenged children, and today, as a highly respected provider of children's services, Lincoln has a continuum of programs to serve challenged children and families throughout the Bay Area; and, community-based services include early intervention programs in the Oakland and Pittsburg School Districts aimed at stopping the cycle of violence, abuse and mental health problems for at-risk children and families; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Child Center believes that children and families heal through active engagement, positive relationships, and learning new ways of coping with unique challenges, and the leaders and staff believe that all aspects of the child's life – family, culture, community, education, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender – must be woven into the outreach and treatment process in order to have a lasting impact; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Child Center has expanded its services into the communities where vulnerable children and their families reside, with prevention and early intervention programs for at-risk children, and all of Lincoln programs and support systems are designed to encourage positive life choices, improve self-confidence, promote healthy development and strengthen the family; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Child Center will continue to help children from the age of five through the teen years work through their emotional problems, recover from their painful experiences and learn how to build a foundation for a bright and successful future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland commends Lincoln Child Center for 130 years of strong commitment to empowering parents and relatives with the tools and life skills they need to take a strong and positive role in their child's life; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland congratulates Lincoln Child Center for 130 years of outstanding work and extends best wishes for continued success of their programs.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California