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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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2013 NOV 15 PM 3:06 **RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.**

Introduced by Councilmembers Lynette Gibson McElhaney & Rebecca Kaplan

RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 20, 2013 AS TRANSGENDER REMEMBRANCE DAY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, REQUESTING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WEAR SKIRTS AND ENCOURAGE OAKLAND RESIDENTS TO WEAR SKIRTS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AS A SYMBOL OF SOLIDARITY WITH SASHA FLEISCHMAN, A YOUNG PERSON WHO WAS SERIOUSLY BURNED FOR ASSOCIATING AS GENDER NONCONFORMING

WHEREAS, the Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice, and

WHEREAS, November 20, 2013 marks the 15th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, and

WHEREAS, a day to specifically remember murder and other violence based on real or perceived gender identity will help raise public awareness of the shockingly high rate of violence against those who live outside traditional norms of gender identity, and

WHEREAS, on November 4, Sasha Fleischman, a young person who is gender nonconforming, was wearing a skirt that was lit on fire by a young man on his bus ride home from school, to which Sasha endured severe 2nd and 3rd degree burns, and he remains in the hospital and faces a challenging recovery; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland declares November 20, 2013 as Transgender Day of Remembrance, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland remembers and honors the lives of those who were victims of violence based on bias against transgender people; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland stands in solidarity with Sasha Fleischman through the symbolic gesture of wearing skirts in Sasha's honor.

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