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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER: JANE BRUNNER

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2004 AS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND HONORING THOSE WHO ARE IN SERVICE TO THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Public Law 176, enacted by the United States Congress in 1945, designated the first week in October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week;" and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the word "physically" was removed from the week's name to recognize the employment needs of all Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Congress, in 1988, expanded the week to a month and changed its name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month;" and

WHEREAS, October has evolved as the month to honor and celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities to American society; and

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

WHEREAS, Disability Rights Advocates was founded in 1993 and is a national and international non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities. Operated by and established for people with disabilities, it pursues its mission through legal advocacy, education and research. DRA's mission is to create systemic change that helps ensure dignity, equality, and opportunity for people with all types of disabilities throughout the United States and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc. (DREDF) was founded in 1979 by people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities and is a national law and policy center dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities through legislation, litigation, advocacy, technical assistance, and education and training of attorneys, advocates, persons with disabilities, and parents of children with disabilities; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council does observe October 2004 as Disability Awareness Month in the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council wishes to honor and commend Oakland's resourceful advocates, dedicated public employees, and committed city residents who have worked together to implement disability civil rights laws, particularly the Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Disability Rights Advocates, and Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION

ATTEST:

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