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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.
INTRODUCED PRESIDENT PRO TEM REID AND
COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING OAKLAND PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR AUDREE V. JONES-TAYLOR FOR MORE THAN 11 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND UPON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Director Jones-Taylor has given over 40 years of service beginning her Parks and Recreation career in Redlands, California and stopping along the way in San Bernardino, Long Beach, City and County of San Francisco, East Palo Alto before joining the City of Oakland as the Director of Parks and Recreation in 2004, and;

WHEREAS, Director Jones-Taylor is the first female Director in the more than 100 years history of Oakland Parks and Recreation (OPR) and is a visionary leader who promotes Playing With A Purpose and strongly believes the purpose is to **expose, enlighten, empower** and **encourage** educational excellence through recreation experiences, for more than 11 years and;

WHEREAS, Director Jones-Taylor has dedicated her life to making a difference in the community she serves, and encourages everyone to "Come out and play the OPR way", and;

WHEREAS, Director Jones-Taylor has enjoyed bringing community and city employees together through signature programs such as: Play Day In The Plaza, Adult Recess, An Intimate Evening, Holiday Celebrations and Sundays In the Redwoods, and;

WHEREAS, Director Jones-Taylor and her Team have worked tirelessly and creatively to seek and leverage philanthropic and community funds valued over \$28 Million to upgrade, renovate and improve playgrounds, parks, ballfields and facilities, and;

WHEREAS, Director Jones-Taylor represented Oakland on various national and state-wide boards; including Hershey Track and Field, National Parks and Recreation Ethnic Minority Society, and the Board of Urban Directors with National Parks and Recreation Association, the California Parks and Recreation Society, and serves on the Parks, Recreation and Historic Commission for Alameda County, and;

WHEREAS, Director Jones-Taylor is a published author, having written "All About Me and My ABC's," an enlightening, empowering and electrifying ABC Book, with her second book soon to be released "All About My Play - Academy for Pre-K Children" to jump start their energy of play, creativity and imagination through positive affirmations, and;

WHEREAS, Director Jones-Taylor is retiring from the City of Oakland, her future plans are to transform the lives of our babies through play. Audree believes that a child will have a lifetime to study and work but a short window to be a child with the freedom to play. Her goal is to encourage systems and organizations to let our babies play, so now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby recognizes and honors Director Audree V. Jones-Taylor on her 11 years of dedicated service to the City of Oakland and expresses its appreciation and commends Audree V. Jones-Taylor on behalf the citizens, city employees of the City of Oakland and we commit to go out and Play...

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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