

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF MAY 2023 AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH AND CELEBRATING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDERS TOWARD A MORE VIBRANT, EQUITABLE AND JUST CITY

WHEREAS, quality affordable homes are vital to healthy, safe, and racially just communities; and

WHEREAS, even before current high inflation rates, increasing housing costs led longtime residents to be displaced, live in overcrowded homes, or experience homelessness, threatening our region's racial diversity and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islanders Americans have led and joined a long legacy of activism and organizing in the United States in the movements for civil rights, immigrants' rights, women's rights, workers' rights, LGBTQ rights, racial justice, and environmental justice, much of which took root in Oakland and the surrounding Bay Area during the 1960s and continues today; and

WHEREAS, Oakland is home to nearly 70,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of California's COVID-19 emergency declaration has been terminated and the short-term protections afforded to renters, including Eviction Moratoria, during the pandemic are coming to an end, requiring long-term, sustainable solutions to promote housing security and mitigate mass displacement; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month offers Oakland residents an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, challenges, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans; and

WHEREAS, stable affordable homes are the solution to homelessness, and support seniors, families, youth, veterans, people with disabilities or special needs, and our whole community; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions such as the City of Oakland are on their 6th Cycle Housing Element, their plan to meet the housing needs of their community, and are now accountable to implement programs and policies that promote affordable development and affirmatively further fair housing for low-income communities and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, local housing organizations are continuing to recognize May as Bay Area Affordable Housing Month because regional action to a growing regional housing crisis is an essential part of recovery from the pandemic and the work to ensure that everyone has an affordable and stable home; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Housing Organizations has organized Affordable Housing Week for 27 years, acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable homes; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED that the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims May as Affordable Housing Month in the City of Oakland and commits to continue its work to support affordable and stable housing at the local, regional, state and federal level and honors the service and leadership of affordable housing organizations contributing to a more vibrant and just Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

Date of Attestation: _____