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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 84734 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING URBAN RELEAF, A NON-PROFIT URBAN FORESTRY ORGANIZATION BASED IN OAKLAND. FOR THEIR 15TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND FOR THEIR ON GOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OAKLAND BY PLANTING TREES, SUPPORTING THE YOUTH, AND ENRICHING COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Urban Releaf is an urban forestry non-profit organization established in Oakland, California to address the needs of communities that have little to no greenery or tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, Urban Releaf focuses efforts in under-served neighborhoods that suffer from disproportionate environmental quality of life and economic depravity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kemba Shakur founded Urban Releaf in 1998 focusing the organization's work around serving economically-disadvantaged and ecologically underserved neighborhoods which suffered from numerous environmental health hazards, such as poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, One of Urban Releaf's key area of focus is providing employment, education, and stewardship for at-risk youth and employment-challenged young adults; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, Urban Releaf has planted over 15,000 trees and has become one of the preeminent urban forestry groups in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Urban Releaf has provided free trees to thousands of East Bay Area community members, conducted weekly tree-planting events, organized tree care and maintenance workshops, made presentations in schools, created volunteer and internship opportunities, and coordinated experiential and educational activities for young people; and

WHEREAS, Urban Releaf has been involved with several long-term Urban Forestry Research case studies, which have assessed the ecological and social impacts of tree planting in urban communities and watershed restoration and climate protection; and

WHEREAS, Urban Releaf works regularly with local authorities and state agencies on initiatives, planning, and research-driven projects, and staff members are frequently asked to present at conferences, forums, and panel discussions in the spirit of bridging the gaps between communities and their local governments; and

WHEREAS, This year, Urban Releaf celebrates their 15th anniversary of providing trees and resources to the City of Oakland; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: That the of City of Oakland recognizes Urban Releaf for their 15th year anniversary and for their ongoing contributions to Oakland by planting trees, supporting our youth and enriching our communities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC 10 2013, 20

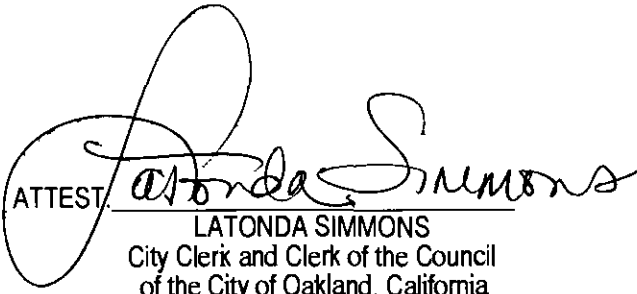
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST 
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California