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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

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**RESOLUTION HONORING LUCY FLATTERY-VICKNESS FOR BECOMING THE 2017 OAKLAND YOUTH POET LAUREATE AND FOR HER ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, 18-year-old Lucy Flattery-Vickness was selected as the 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate in a highly competitive process judged by accomplished authors, educators and community leaders for her captivating, educational and bold way of depicting the struggles that Oakland youth face while inspiring a love of Oakland to build a stronger sense of community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Flattery-Vickness is a graduate of Oakland Technical High School where she served as Captain of both the volleyball and basketball teams and founded the Y.E.S. W.E. W.I.L.L (Youth Empowering Students With Education, Words, Inspirational Lives, and Love) to fight injustices and inequities in the public education system; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Flattery-Vickness placed first in the Oakland Unified School System Martin Luther King Oratorical Festival Finals in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Flattery-Vickness was a 2015 Finalist in the Oakland Youth Poet Laureate program and the Vice Laureate in 2016 and;

**WHEREAS**, as the 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate, Ms. Flattery-Vickness receives a \$5,000 college scholarship, provided by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library and Youth Speaks, with academic support provided by ScholarMatch and;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Flattery-Vickness has performed at numerous community and school events throughout her year as Laureate, including the Rotary Club of Oakland, Chapter 510, Fred Finch Youth Center, Beastcrawl, the Oakland Public Library's Annual Teen Culture Fest, Laurel Street Fair and;

**WHEREAS**, Lucy Flattery-Vickness has made and continues to make immense and meaningful artistic contributions to the City of Oakland and to Oakland's youth; and

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council does hereby warmly congratulate and honor Lucy Flattery-Vickness for being the City of Oakland's 2017 Youth Poet Laureate and for her ongoing contributions and support for youth education and leadership in Oakland's schools and beyond.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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