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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 81897 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY'S 20th ANNIVERSARY AS A REGIONAL ORCHESTRA SERVING THE DIVERSE POPULATION OF THE EAST BAY, ITS UNIQUE CONVERGENCE OF ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND ITS PROMINENCE AS A LEADING CULTURAL INSTITUTION IN OAKLAND, AND DECLARING MAY 15, 2009 AS "EAST BAY SYMPHONY DAY" IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Oakland East Bay Symphony is currently celebrating its 20th anniversary as a regional orchestra that serves the diverse population of the East Bay, with the goal of making classical music accessible, particularly to those individuals in the community who might otherwise never hear live symphonic music; and

WHEREAS, Oakland East Bay Symphony has gained wide recognition for its unique convergence of artistic excellence and community service; and

WHEREAS, under the artistic leadership of Music Director Michael Morgan, Symphony activities reach close to 50,000 children and adults annually, with more than a third of the operating budget dedicated to education and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan has been a major force behind the return of music instruction to the Oakland Public Schools, and under his direction, the Symphony has become a leader in music education for young people, bringing orchestral music into schools throughout Oakland and the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Symphony's nationally renowned education and outreach programs currently touch some 20,000 students in approximately 100 Oakland schools; and

WHEREAS, the Symphony has fostered collaborations with local arts organizations from children's choruses to jazz ensembles to the ballet; and

WHEREAS, since 1998 the Symphony has partnered with The James Irvine Foundation to help ensure the future of symphonic music by commissioning and performing works by contemporary American composers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan's innovative approach to programming, which won the Symphony an Adventurous Programming Award from The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, reflects the diversity of Oakland's wide-ranging local community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council does hereby recognize and commend Oakland East Bay Symphony for its 20 years of artistic excellence, community service, leadership in arts education, and cultural contributions to the City of Oakland, and does hereby proclaim

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in the City of Oakland and urges all citizens to recognize and support the work of Oakland East Bay Symphony, and to celebrate the cultural enrichment the Symphony continues to bring to Oakland, the East Bay and the nation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 21 2009, 2009

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:


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