

**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JEAN QUAN**

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**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2005  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the rate of domestic violence cases reported in Oakland is higher than any other city in the nine Bay Area Counties; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects thousands of Oakland residents and families each year and each year the Oakland Police Department gets reports of physical violence, child abuse, violation of restraining orders and other acts; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States, more than muggings, car accidents, and rapes combined; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects 31% of the nations female population with a total of 4 million women reporting abuse in this country every year; and

WHEREAS, a child's exposure to domestic violence is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, violent juvenile offenders are 4 times more likely to have grow up in homes where they saw violence and 80% of youth runaways come from violent homes;

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognizes that domestic violence permeates all ethnic, racial, age, gender and socioeconomic populations, and that victims suffer physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence programs in the City of Oakland provide vital services to families, including crisis hotlines, emergency shelter, support programs for children and teenagers, public education, intervention and legal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all citizens in the City of Oakland so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our community; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, all citizens of Oakland are encouraged to remember domestic violence survivors and their families, to promote the programs and organizations that serve them and to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of people throughout the City of Oakland; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council does hereby proclaim October 2005 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the city of Oakland and wishes to call this observance to the attention of its citizens; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the citizens and employees of the City of Oakland are invited to participate in a lunch time forum at the City Council Chambers on October 19, 2005, from 12 pm-2 pm, to discuss the issues of domestic violence in our city.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, DE LA FUENTE, NADEL, QUAN, REID, KERNIGHAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION:

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

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