A RESOLUTION HONORING BERNARD ADRIAN WEILAND, Jr. (BERRY) FOR THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS: BERNARD ADRIAN WEILAND, JR. (BERRY), BORN MARCH 31, 1948 IN AMSTELVEEN, THE NETHERLANDS, TO BERNARD AND EDITH WEILAND; RAISED IN THE CITY OF HAARLEM, THE NETHERLANDS; ATTENDED THE DUTCH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; DRAFTED INTO THE ROYAL DUTCH ARMY IN 1967; AND HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN 1969; AND

WHEREAS: Berry wanted to explore opportunities in the United States, and emigrated to the great City of Oakland in 1971, where he met and married his wife of 31 years, Esperanza Weiland, and raised three wonderful sons, James, Jordan, and Berry Weiland, III; and

WHEREAS: Berry began his career with City of Oakland on June 6, 1973 as a temporary Tree Workman in the Parks and Recreation Department; a year later, Berry was promoted to semi-skilled laborer in the Public Works Agency; and

WHEREAS: In 1976 management recognized Berry's leadership ability and assigned him to direct crews under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program. The (CETA) part time crew members were hired to perform a variety of maintenance functions including debris and illegal dumping removal. Many of the crew members became permanent City of Oakland employees and are still with us today; and

WHEREAS: In 1983, Berry decided it was time to pursue new challenges. He tested and was promoted to the position of Public Works Supervisor, Maintenance District III, where he managed crews that performed all maintenance functions for the district. He was later promoted in 1986 to Senior Public Works Supervisor overseeing the Sanitation Department, responsible for street cleaning, illegal dumping, graffiti and litter removals; and

WHEREAS: In 1986 Berry was promoted to Principal Manager, directing the Traffic Maintenance, Sanitation, Sewer, & Street and Sidewalk divisions. The Department later reorganized and went to functional services that Berry initiated; and

WHEREAS: In 1999 Berry received the appointment of Interim Assistant Director of Maintenance and was later appointed permanent under the leadership of Claudette R. Ford, then Agency Director; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure Berry led Public Works recovery efforts through several Presidential Emergency Declarations such as the Earthquake, Firestorm, El Nino, Freeze and other severe floods and storms; and

WHEREAS: In September 2001 Berry was the acting PWA Agency Director during the 911 Terrorist Act and worked closely with the Mayor, City Council and City Emergency Management Team in organizing security efforts for Oakland.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator do hereby commend Berry Weiland for his exceptional commitment to excellence and outstanding service and contributions to the Oakland community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution, suitably inscribed, be presented to Berry Weiland with the compliments of the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator as a token of their appreciation and high esteem, and with best wishes for a happy and prolonged retirement.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES-BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE — 8

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CEDA LOYD

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