



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR LARRY REID

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING YOLANDA MORRIS ON HER RETIREMENT AND 31 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Yolanda Morris has dedicated 31 years of exemplary service to the people of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda, guided by deep conviction and principle in her approach to public service, is admired by her colleagues for her candor, authenticity, accessibility, sincerity, humility, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, she comes to work every day to contribute to making life in the City of Oakland better for all, especially those who are vulnerable and in need of extra support; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda greets each task with unparalleled professionalism and grace, focusing on solving problems large and small with a pleasant, joyful spirit; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda is the epitome of a warm, supportive, and friendly colleague who always checked in with people to find out how they were doing; she has an infectious enthusiasm for every day she serves the City of Oakland, often answering the phone by warmly greeting the caller with "Hello, it's another beautiful day in Oakland, how can I help you?"; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda is appreciated for her loyalty, her straightforwardness, her dependability; she is clear about her values, always putting others before herself with compassion and care; and

WHEREAS, she is recognized for her many years of service in the Oakland Police Department, where she counseled, mentored, and had a positive impact on many of Oakland's finest; her influence, hard work, and professionalism will resonate for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, believing strongly in the importance of mentorship and sharing her well-honed skills and knowledge with staff coming up through the ranks, over three decades she has provided wisdom and guidance to many; more recently she built a community for the Executive Assistants throughout the City that was helpful, supportive, and fun; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda possesses the extraordinary ability to calm a situation using only the power of her kind voice and the influence of her steadfast presence; and

WHEREAS, she always puts the team first, ensuring that whatever organization she worked for, whether it was the Police Department or the City Administrator's Office, would put its best foot forward and shine; and

WHEREAS, her wisdom, poise, responsiveness, and dedication to the City of Oakland, her family, and her colleagues will be truly missed; and

WHEREAS, with her ever-present integrity and kindness, Yolanda embodies the true spirit of public service; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council recognizes Yolanda's significant contributions to the City of Oakland and declares June 26, 2020 Yolanda Morris Day.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland,
California