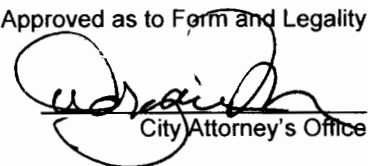


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 78226 - C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY THE COUNCILMEMBER REID

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT BEAT HEALTH UNIT AND DECLARING DECEMBER 17, 2003 AS "BEAT HEALTH DAY" IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the Oakland Police Department was recently awarded the prestigious 2003 International Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem Oriented Policing presented by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) prevailed over sixty other law enforcement agencies for this singular honor; and

WHEREAS, the award, named for Dr. Herman Goldstein, a professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin law school, recognizes innovative and effective problem solving policing projects that achieve measurable success in reducing specific crime, disorder, and public safety problems; and

WHEREAS, Beat Health Unit Officer Brad Gardiner coordinated the award winning project, which abated drug and prostitution activities at an East Oakland motel that is part of an international chain; and

WHEREAS, the Beat Health Unit was formed under the direction of Sergeant Bob Crawford in the fall of 1988, with the vigorous support of the Oakland Community Organizations and then Chief of Police George Hart; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1988 the Beat Health Unit has abated nuisance activities at over 3,000 properties in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Beat Health team members Sergeant Bob Crawford, Ms. Daphne Markham, Officer Brodie Rivera, Officer Bruce Vallimont, Officer Doug Aitchison, Officer Lee French, Officer Mike Rountree, Officer Joe Cowles, Police Service Technician Andrew Lew, and Police Record Specialist Gloria Devereux continue to carry on the Unit's proud tradition, having so far abated over 200 problem properties in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Beat Health Unit partners with other City service agencies, such as the Code Enforcement Division of the Community and Economic Development Agency, the Office of the City Attorney, as well as outside agencies and additional units within the Oakland Police Department, to seek compliance with local, state and federal regulations and to abate criminal, nuisance, and civil disorder activities associated with drug houses; and

WHEREAS, all citizens in Oakland should be aware of the valuable work the Beat Health Unit does to improve Oakland's neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Oakland, does hereby recognize and salute the civilian and sworn staff of the Oakland Police Department Beat Health Unit for their service, dedication, and outstanding achievements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland does hereby proclaim December 17, 2003 as "**Beat Health Unit Day**" in the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, *December 16, 2003*

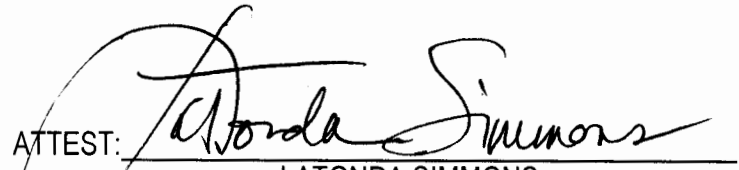
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - *8*

NOES - *0*

ABSENT - *0*

ABSTENTION - *0*

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