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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.
INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR LARRY E. REID

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF JAMES WILLIAMS FOR 22 YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, James A. Williams is the current Deputy Chief of the Oakland Fire Department, Fire Prevention & Support Services Bureau (FP&SSB) for the City of Oakland, which is comprised of three distinct divisions: Fire Prevention & Public Education Outreach; Fire Communications & Information Technology; and Training & Support Services, and;

WHEREAS, James A. Williams, managed fire prevention efforts through the implementation of fire code, vegetation management, and hazardous materials inspection programs; directed fire investigation efforts; and oversaw public education and associated programs to promote community prevention preparedness, while providing supervision and direction to the Operations' training program director; directing the Fire Communications Dispatch Center, and oversaw facilities and fleet management programs and processes, and;

WHEREAS, James A. Williams, prior to his current position, directed the Operations Division which included 501 personnel and included oversight of an approximate \$107 million budget, while supervising and managing the day-to-day emergency operations, which included the management of 25 fire stations, the Special Operations Division, the Training Division, 3 Battalions and 12 Battalion Chiefs, while providing representation of the Oakland Fire Department to City Council and commission meetings; and developing budget and planning objectives to help facilitate departmental needs, and;

WHEREAS, James A. Williams, has background and experience encompassing more than 25-plus years of public safety responsibility, and as a progressive fire service leader, his leadership style and skills reflected a proven track record that has helped successfully build strong coalitions towards public safety policy, while his leadership philosophy has been effective management by defining and communicating expectations and emphasizing commitment, service and professionalism through dedicated teamwork, while encouraging personal responsibility, accountability and growth, and;

WHEREAS, James A. Williams, completed Chief Officer Certification curriculum - CA State Fire Marshal's Office Certified Company Officer - CA State Fire Marshal's Office Serves as Incident Commander at large scale emergency incidents Former president of Alameda County Fire Chiefs Association; Operations Section Former president Alameda County Fire Chiefs Association, Communications Section, so therefore be it:

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby recognizes and honors, Deputy Fire Chief James A. Williams for his 22 years of dedicated service to the City of Oakland, and the Oakland City Council expresses its appreciation and commends his service on behalf of the citizens of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, KAPLAN, REID, KALB, SCHAAF, GIBSON MCELHANEY AND
PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES
AYES
ABSTAIN

ATTEST:

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