

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS, FIRE CHIEF  
REGINALD FREEMAN

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**RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF  
MELINDA DRAYTON, MA, FSEDI, FOR HER LEADERSHIP, VISION,  
SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND  
CONGRATULATING HER UPON HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas and Fire Chief Reginald Freeman, would like to take the opportunity to honor and celebrate Deputy Fire Chief Melinda Drayton for her leadership, vision, service and commitment to the city of Oakland and congratulate her on her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Chief Melinda Drayton began her service career with the City of Oakland in 1998 and was promoted through the ranks and most recently served as the Deputy Chief in charge of the Support Services Division which encompasses facilities, apparatus, contract compliance, legislative matters, capital improvement projects, fire communications and grant management; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Chief Drayton served as the Incident Commander for the East Bay Incident Management Team deploying to disasters in both California and across the U.S. and also held a trustee position for I-women representing the Western Division; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Chief Drayton's leadership has really shined in labor negotiations and has assisted a variety of departments nationally and internationally with policies and best practices involving pregnancy, fertility issues, family care and birth bonding; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Chief Drayton earned her Bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz and has a Master's degree in Sport Psychology from John F. Kennedy University; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Chief Drayton is the recipient of the prestigious Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI); and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Oakland and its residents have benefited tremendously from her leadership and are a healthier and safer city because of it; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council celebrates and honors the leadership, vision, service and commitment of Fire Deputy Chief Melinda Drayton to the city of Oakland and congratulates her on her retirement.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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

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