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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS NOEL GALLO

**RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2016 AS
NATIONAL OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is joining other cities, towns, and communities across the United States in acknowledging the countless contributions older Americans make to enrich and improve the quality of life for individuals and families of our nation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oakland Department of Human Services promotes health, education, employment, and community wellness, and this month of May 2016 hosted Oakland's 14th Annual Older Americans Month; bringing awareness to both the needs and contributions of older Americans; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans are an essential component of our society who continue to energize our lives nationwide by providing the wisdom, knowledge, and inspiration that form the basis of our culture and of our identity; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans are valuable members of our society who are rich with experience, deserving of our respect, and enhance our communities and personal lives; and

WHEREAS, A growing older adult population brings to the forefront a responsibility to ensure the well-being of older citizens; our commitment to seniors must continue beyond this one month of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Generations of older Americans have done the hard work of building communities, businesses, schools, and laying the foundation for our American lifestyle. Many of these former teachers, leaders of industry, war heroes, and community volunteers help new generations learn about the story of our past by taking time out of their lives to share their experiences and to serve as role models ; and

WHEREAS, Today, people are living longer, are more active, and lead more independent lives than ever before. More older Americans want to work, are able to work and have skills and experience that businesses need in today's growing economy; and

WHEREAS, The City's Department of Human Services serves a significant number of Oakland residents over the age of 65 who are active participants in their neighborhoods, volunteering countless hours and putting forth persistent effort to improve the quality of life for all residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council, hereby recognizes the invaluable contributions and leadership of older Americans, declaring May 2016, as

"OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

In the City of Oakland and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the City of Oakland Department of Human Services and the important role it plays in servicing the needs of our senior citizens.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB,
KAPLAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES –
ABSENT –
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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