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## 2010 APR 22 PM 8: 13 OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 82743 c.M.S.

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL JOBS FOR AMERICA ACT, HOUSE RESOLUTION No.4812, WHICH WILL HELP CREATE ONE MILLION PUBLIC AND PRIVATE JOBS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, our nation is going through one of the most difficult economic times in its history with the national unemployment rate hovering around 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, despite signs of an economic recovery at the national level, economic conditions in cities and towns across the country continue to worsen with more municipal governments facing significant budget shortfalls and increased demand for services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland employs workers who provide critical services to our residents ranging from public safety, community and economic development, infrastructure maintenance, trash collection, and waste water treatment; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate in the City of Oakland metropolitan statistical area has risen to 18%; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is facing a \$50,000,000 budget shortfall and may have to choose between laying off employees, eliminating services, and raising taxes to balance its budget; and

WHEREAS, such action to counter the recession's impact on the City of Oakland would contribute to an increase in the lack of fiscal stability for this community and further contribute to the nation's unemployment rate just as the economy begins to recover; and

WHEREAS, federal aid will be necessary if the City of Oakland is to avoid public service worker layoffs including fire and police, teachers and other important city workers or significant increases in taxes to pay the salaries of these employees; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the City of Oakland endorses H.R. 4812, the Local Jobs for America Act because it will direct \$75 billion to cities and towns, not just states, fiscal assistance to save and create jobs in local communities; it will help create one million public and private jobs in local communities this year, including in the City of Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the City of Oakland supports the Local Jobs for America Act because it will help ensure that our city can continue to provide services essential to families in our community; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the City of Oakland supports H.R. 4812 because it would help prevent state and local tax increases, while helping governments avoid making the choice between eliminating services and raising taxes; and it would also help stimulate local businesses and create more jobs in the local economy; and be it

immediately so that cities and towns across America can retain existing employees and provide employment opportunities in the public and private sectors.

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER  $\sim$   $\swarrow$ 

NOES-

ABSENT-

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ATTEST: //

LATONDA SIMMONS

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