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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT ON OCTOBER 15, 2015 AND WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland, California recognizes that no community is immune to natural hazards whether it be earthquake, wildfire, flood, winter storm, drought or heat wave and recognizes the importance of enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the loss of life, property damage, interruption of public services and economic loss caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, major earthquakes pose a particular, significant, and ongoing threat to the entire City of Oakland and the Bay Area region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has a responsibility to promote earthquake preparedness internally as well as with the public and plan appropriately for earthquake-related disasters; and provide free emergency preparedness training for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations through the Oakland Fire Department CORE Program. Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the protection of City of Oakland employees will allow them to facilitate continuity of government and assist the public following a major earthquake event; and provide critical services in order to recover more quickly; and

WHEREAS, community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community – individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses, and government; and

WHEREAS, by participating in **The Great California ShakeOut** on October 15, 2015, the City of Oakland, California has the opportunity to join all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, by supporting **The Great California ShakeOut**, the City of Oakland, California can utilize the information on www.ShakeOut.org to educate its residents regarding actions to protect life and property, including mitigating structural and non-structural hazards and participating in earthquake drills; and

WHEREAS, by registering at www.ShakeOut.org, City of Oakland employees can participate in the ShakeOut "Drop Cover and Hold on" earthquake drill on October 15 at 10:15 a.m., and encourage registration in public, schools, businesses, and for other community stakeholders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland, California hereby approves participating in the Great California Shakeout hereto by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the importance of preparing Oakland for the purposes of building a safer community and reducing the loss of lives and property from a major earthquake event by taking proactive steps today.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES -

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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