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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 96 PROHIBITING THE SALE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, there is a global concern for the illegal poaching of elephants and rhinoceroses, both of which are crucial to the ecosystem of Africa; and

WHEREAS, an estimate of 96 African elephants are being killed each day for their tusks and there is an estimate of 29,000 rhinos left on the planet; a significant drop from the estimate of 70,000 in 1970; and

WHEREAS, California prohibited the sale of ivory since 1977, however a loophole in the law left the law unenforceable, allowing the sale of ivory to thrive;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 96, introduced by Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, closes the current loophole by making the ivory trade illegal regardless of the date of its importation, and makes this prohibition enforceable by the Department of Fish and Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Zoo has been a leader in animal protection with a steadfast commitment to the conservation of African elephants and has partnered with the Wildlife Conservation Society's 96 Elephants campaign; and

WHEREAS, 96 Elephants is a campaign that unites citizens all over the world, change makers and thought leaders to leverage communal influence to stop the killing of elephants through petitions, letter writing and the enactment of moratoria worldwide; now, therefore it be,

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland ardently supports AB 96 prohibiting the sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland will continue to work on efforts to disrupt the practice of illegal poaching.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, 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