

WHEREAS, Gilda Gonzales has served the City of Oakland with distinction, consistently and tirelessly exerting her best efforts and her tremendous talents to the betterment of the entire city and its residents; and

WHEREAS, since first arriving at the City in 1991 as the Chief Policy Director of Mayor Elihu Harris, Ms. Gonzales has inspired all those around her with her unfaltering work ethic and leadership as well as a boundless determination that never failed in the face of a challenge; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Gonzales has always held herself to a standard of high excellence that has resulted in significant achievements including her appointment to serve simultaneously as the Chief of Staff to both Mayor Jerry Brown and City Manager Robert Bobb; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gonzales now leaves the City of Oakland to apply her skill, wisdom, and leadership to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Unity Council; and

WHEREAS, everyone who has had the privilege to work with Gonzales has the utmost confidence that her future will be bright and filled with continued accomplishment; now

THEREFORE, I, Jerry Brown, Mayor of the City of Oakland do hereby recognize the invaluable contributions by Ms. Gilda Gonzales to this community and others, and proudly proclaim Tuesday, October 19, 2004

"GILDA GONZALES DAY"

in the City of Oakland and encourage its recognition by all its citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Office of the Mayor to be affixed.

JERRY BROWN MAYOR

