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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PATRICIA KERNIGHAN

**Keeping the Lights On After School: A Resolution Recognizing October 21, 2010
as Lights On Afterschool Day**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Oakland stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; 63% of parents with children in Oakland afterschool programs report they are able to stay in school or hold a job because of their child's participation in the afterschool program; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs build stronger communities by involving students, parents, community leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults, and advancing the well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, Oakland afterschool programs thrive through the efforts of a public/private afterschool partnership, including a diverse network of community-based organizations, the Oakland Unified School District, the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth, the Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation, the Oakland Public Library, and the Oakland Community After-School Alliance, which have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has more than 83 school-based and scores of community-based afterschool programs serving more than 20,000 children and youth every day after school, approximately one third of 5-18 year-olds in the city; and

WHEREAS, students, parents, teachers and principals report high levels of satisfaction with Oakland afterschool programs; and

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WHEREAS, students who participate in Oakland's afterschool programs have increased opportunities to gain new experiences, build social skills, strengthen engagement with school, improve academic skills and do better in class, as well as feel safe in afterschool activities; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs are central to achieving the Oakland Unified School District's vision of full service community schools that meet many needs of students and their family through services centered at the school sites; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool*, a national celebration on October 21, 2010 of afterschool programs promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland proclaims October 21, 2010 as *Lights On Afterschool Day*; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council enthusiastically endorses *Lights On Afterschool* and commits our community to engaging in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT BRUNNER,

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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