

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

07 MAY - 2 PM 2:00

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2007 AS "MEALS IN MAY MONTH" IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the Federal Administration on Aging has established May as National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Bay Area Community Services (BACS), working with the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging and the City of Oakland, is Oakland's Meals On Wheels provider, delivering more than 1,100 meals each day to Oakland seniors; and

WHEREAS, Meals On Wheels has been providing home-delivered meals to Oakland seniors for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, for over half of BACS Meals On Wheels clients, this one meal represents three-quarters of their daily diet; and

WHEREAS, public funds do not cover the costs of the Meals On Wheels program – client donations and fundraising must make up the difference; and

WHEREAS, three-quarters of BACS Meals On Wheels clients live at or below the poverty level and can afford little or no contribution to the cost of their meal; and

WHEREAS, this year, BACS has been able to serve the highest priority elderly without placing them on a wait list, but expects to serve at least 9,000 more meals than budgeted by June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, BACS will celebrate "Meals in May" month on May 19, 2007, in partnership with United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County (USOAC), and will hold a benefit concert, 'Jazz For Life', to celebrate this vital service keeping seniors safe and healthy in their homes, and to raise funds to meet this growing need; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council does hereby declare May 2007 "Meals In May Month" in the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council urges all citizens and businesses to support Bay Area Community Services' fundraising efforts to bring more meals to Oakland seniors in May and throughout the year.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2007

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California