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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

2008 OCT -9 PM 2:42 RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

**RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF DIMENSIONS DANCE  
 THEATER'S 35 YEARS OF ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT  
 INNOVATION, THEIR ARTISTIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND  
 THEIR CONTINUED COMMITMENT AS CULTURAL  
 AMBASSADORS IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, AND DECLARING  
 NOVEMBER 15, 2008 AS "DIMENSIONS DANCE THEATER DAY"  
 IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, Dimensions Dance Theater is a professional dance company and school founded in Oakland in 1972, to promote the knowledge and appreciation of African and African-derived dance; and

**WHEREAS**, under the continuing artistic leadership of co-founder Deborah Vaughan, the company presents traditional African dances as well as contemporary choreography which draws on African, Jazz, and Modern dance idioms; and

**WHEREAS**, Dimensions' corps of dancers serve as cultural ambassadors with a unique reputation for innovation and dynamism, and its repertoire includes works of nationally recognized choreographers; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, Dimensions has advanced African American dance as an art form through a series of interdisciplinary collaborations with composers, musicians, and singers, working in a wide variety of African and African American traditions, and offers community-based dance classes for youth at the Malonga Casquelourd Center For The Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, in the City Dance Project/ Rites of Passage and Dimensions Extensions Dance Ensemble, youth programs were created to fill the increasing void of available after-school programs in the community, and to build life skills and self-esteem; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a goal of Dimensions Dance Theater to continue to nurture and develop these programs as an arts academy at the Malonga Casquelourd Center For The Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Dimensions Dance theater is celebrating its 35th year of dance and passing on traditions of excellence, its commitment to cultural respect and celebration, and its dedication to bringing the joy of dance to the local and global community; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council does hereby recognize and commend Dimensions Dance Theater for its 35 years of outstanding artistic achievements and contributions to the City of Oakland, particularly young people, and does hereby proclaim

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in the City of Oakland and urges all citizens to recognize and support the work of Dimensions Dance Theater, and celebrate with grateful hearts the works of grace, art, and spirit its members bring to our community and the world; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That all Oaklanders and dance and art fans show their support of Dimensions Dance Theater by attending their Anniversary Celebration on November 15, 2008, at the Oakland Interstake Center, for an evening of a multimedia collaborative retrospective with over 20 artists that interweaves the company’s most inspired choreography from the past three decades and demonstrates the diversity of its dynamic movement styles.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**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