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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: LARRY E. REID

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING DEANE CALHOUN FOR HER COMMITMENT  
TO ENDING GUN VIOLENCE IN THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY AND  
CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RETIREMENT FROM YOUTH ALIVE!**

**WHEREAS**, Deane Calhoun began her career in youth violence as a concerned public health worker specializing in injury prevention at San Francisco General Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Deeply troubled by the fact that gun violence was the leading cause of death for young people in California Deane began doing work in Oakland neighborhoods to find a way to engage youth in identifying causes and solutions to gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1988 these young people that Deane engaged shared their experiences and created a curriculum that went on to become Teens on Target, and the very first program of Youth ALIVE!; and

**WHEREAS**, During these early years and throughout her career Deane was tenacious about sharing information about gun dealers, their profits from the escalating violence, the number of people that were dying as well as strategies that might prevent it; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years Deane and the young people she engaged traveled to the state capitol and gave testimony that led to the passage of the strongest assault gun ban ever in the United States, they worked with the Oakland City Council to eliminate 110 of the 115 "home gun dealers" who littered their neighborhoods, they successfully pressured the *Oakland Tribune* to cease their advertising of non-sporting weapons, and even met with and presented to former President Bill Clinton; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1992 Caught in the Crossfire initiated the peer hospital intervention model with a trauma surgeon and medical social worker at Highland Hospital which provided bedside mentoring to gun shot victims while offering them with peer support and alternatives to retaliation; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to the success of these programs nearly 100% of Teens on Target participants have graduated from high school, many of whom are from neighborhoods where graduation rates are 40%; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout her many years as the Executive Director of Youth ALIVE!, the programs have received numerous recognitions including the Crime Victim Service Award in 1996 from former US Attorney General Janet Reno and President Bill Clinton, the "Spirit of Youth" award from the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice, California Peace Prize, and the 2008 Woman of the Year Award from former State Senate President Don Perata; and

**WHEREAS**, The success of Youth ALIVE's! programming and curriculum has led to the expansion of Teens on Target and Caught in the Crossfire in Alameda County, the City of Los Angeles, Compton, Los Angeles County, and USC Hospital in East Los Angeles

**WHEREAS**, In 2009 Deane announced her retirement from Youth ALIVE! to enjoy her family, and her passion for hiking, now, therefore, be it:

**RESOLVED:** That the elected officials, staff and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Dean Calhoun for her outstanding service and many contributions in the City of Oakland; and be it:

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland and the City Administrator extend their congratulations to Dean Calhoun for her many years of dedication, commitment, and hard work in the Oakland community, and join her colleagues and associates in saluting her achievements and offering their sincere appreciation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, March 16, 2010

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

ATTEST:

NOES-

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ABSTENTION-

LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of  
Oakland, California