

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 80880 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JEAN QUAN

RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 2007 AS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, and participate fully in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 176, enacted by the United States Congress in 1945, designated the first week in October as "National Employment the Physically Handicapped Week;" and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the word "physically" was removed from the week's name to recognize the employment needs of all Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Congress, in 1988, expanded the week to a month and changed its name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month;" and

WHEREAS, The Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities will sponsor special events in October, 2007, that celebrate disability art and culture and the achievements of young people with disabilities, including a performance by critically acclaimed AXIS Dance Company and Youth in Action: Future Leaders of the Disability Community; and

WHEREAS, the month of October, 2007, has been designated by the Mayor of Oakland as "Disability Awareness Month" to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Councilmembers and Mayor of the City of Oakland, do hereby by proclaim the month of October 2007, as

"DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Oakland and call upon citizens of Oakland to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; furthermore, I encourage the citizens of Oakland to seek counsel and input from any person or group with knowledge and expertise in matters concerning disabilities.

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

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- ~~BRUNNER, QUAN, REID, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE~~ - 6

NOES- 0

ABSENT- Brunner - 1

ABSTENTION- 0

Excused- Brooks - 1

ATTEST: [Signature] LATONDA SIMMONS City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California