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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUNNER

A Resolution Condemning the Operation of Secret Overseas Prisons by the United States

WHEREAS, In 2006, President George W Bush publicly admitted to the role of the United States in the operation of clandestine prisons in certain countries in Eastern Europe, as part of the United States' War on Terror; and

WHEREAS, Last month, the Council of Europe released a report documenting evidence that the United States operated clandestine prisons in Poland and Romania from 2003 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Europe report states "Some individuals were kept in secret detention centres for periods of several years, where they were subjected to degrading treatment and so-called "enhanced interrogation techniques... Elsewhere, others have been transferred thousands of miles into prisons whose locations they may never know, interrogated ceaselessly, physically and psychologically abused;" and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the report specifies that "the rendition, abduction and detention of terrorist suspects have always taken place outside the territory of the United States, where such actions would no doubt have been ruled unlawful and unconstitutional;" now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Oakland hereby opposes and condemns the operation of secret overseas prisons by the United States of America, for any purpose, under any circumstances, as an affront to basic human rights and a unwarranted challenge to the Rule of Law in American society

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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