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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel

Resolution Recognizing the Essential Role of Maritime Trade Routes in Oakland and California History

WHEREAS, the early settlement and development of California was deeply influenced by the immigrants and goods that came to the state by way of the maritime transportation routes by sailing around-the-horn of South America and via the isthmus of panama, in addition to the more commonly understood role of transcontinental migration;

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the people of the state of California to recognize the pacific maritime transportation routes as being an essential educational component of the state's interpretive history; and

WHEREAS, scholars and agencies should be encouraged to collaborate in their research and develop a fair and complete, official state historical policy, including the geographical and historic influences of our historic seafaring populations, heretofore often overlooked; and

WHEREAS, all Californians would benefit from the development of a complete California story based on geography, climate-botany, transportation, and human settlement/migration; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of the importance of this often ignored or undervalued foundation of California history will result in more comprehensive global understanding of the economic impact and cultural settlement role of maritime trade routes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED; that the Oakland City Council encourages all citizens to recognize the essential role of maritime transportation routes and the diverse populations they brought to the state of California and the city of Oakland and helping to promote understanding of how these distinct populations and their patterns of settlement enjoy a key role in the cultural and economic history of California and Oakland, and in supporting a policy initiative to put a sailing ship next to the covered wagon in the state seal.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRU NNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE,

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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