

**Arts Education Month
March 2005**

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WHEREAS, the arts are a central and essential component in creating a vital Oakland, and provide a language for the citizens of Oakland to connect across differences and facilitate our understanding of our place in the world, and

WHEREAS, through arts education children are given opportunities to develop skills and imagination, while pushing and challenging the boundaries of their potential, and

WHEREAS, through enjoyment of the arts, we celebrate the highest ideals and the cultural richness that is Oakland, and

WHEREAS, Oakland celebrates Art IS Education as part of an Alameda County effort to develop public understanding of the role of the arts in learning, and

WHEREAS, this month, in a statewide effort observing Arts Education Month, California counties, school districts, schools, museums, performing arts centers, libraries and government buildings host events that illustrate the importance and lifelong benefits of arts education; Therefore be it

RESOLVED: The City of Oakland places its focus on our youth in the month of March, celebrating Art IS Education, and communicating the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to our city's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to Alameda County students and to enhance public and educational support for this essential part of school curriculum.

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IS A FULL, TRUE AND CORRECT
COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005,**

LATONDA SIMMONS – CITY CLERK