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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY AND
COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2016 UNITED NATIONS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OAKLAND
TO SERVE AS AN HONORARY SPONSOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS
50TH ANNIVERSARY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 17,
2016**

WHEREAS, the United Nations was formed on October 19, 1945 in San Francisco by its 50 Charter Members, of which the anniversary of its founding is observed each year throughout the world on United Nations Day in October; and

WHEREAS, since its founding over 71 years ago, the United Nations has been a beacon to guide and to facilitate all countries in their aspirations to attain a better world; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations is the leading multi-national organization, with a commendable record of achievement, and that despite continuing global challenges, is the oft-cited "world's best hope" to bring future generations greater peace and security, economic and social justice, human rights and the rule of law, the eradication of extreme poverty and promotion of environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's diverse population with ancestry in many foreign countries, its Port and world trade, and its residents' quality of life are affected daily by international cooperation and the unique functions of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the City and Port of Oakland have led in flying the flag of the United Nations both outdoors, at Jack London Square since 1966, and indoors, in the City Council chamber, in order to foster greater awareness, education, and support of the principles of the United Nations in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland inaugurated in June 2015 a large mural on the landmark Cathedral Building on Broadway Avenue that commemorates the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations and pays tribute to the relationship between the City and the United Nations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the Oakland City Council and Mayor do hereby declare September 2016 to be United Nations Month; and urge Oakland citizens, enterprises, schools, and other civil society organizations to honor the mission, spirit and potential of the United Nations by their participation in the City of Oakland's United Nations Flag Raising Ceremony on September 17, 2016, at Jack London Square at 11 am and authorize the City of Oakland to be an Honorary Sponsor of that civic event on September 17, 2016.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California