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2008 OCT -9 PM 2:42 RESOLUTION No. 81590 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF DIMENSIONS DANCE THEATER'S 35 YEARS OF ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT INNOVATION, THEIR ARTISTIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND THEIR CONTINUED COMMITMENT AS CULTURAL AMBASSADORS IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, AND DECLARING NOVEMBER 15, 2008 AS "DIMENSIONS DANCE THEATER DAY" IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Dimensions Dance Theater is a professional dance company and school founded in Oakland in 1972, to promote the knowledge and appreciation of African and African-derived dance; and

WHEREAS, under the continuing artistic leadership of co-founder Deborah Vaughan, the company presents traditional African dances as well as contemporary choreography which draws on African, Jazz, and Modern dance idioms; and

WHEREAS, Dimensions' corps of dancers serve as cultural ambassadors with a unique reputation for innovation and dynamism, and its repertoire includes works of nationally recognized choreographers; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Dimensions has advanced African American dance as an art form through a series of interdisciplinary collaborations with composers, musicians, and singers, working in a wide variety of African and African American traditions, and offers community-based dance classes for youth at the Malonga Casquelourd Center For The Arts; and

WHEREAS, in the City Dance Project/ Rites of Passage and Dimensions Extensions Dance Ensemble, youth programs were created to fill the increasing void of available after-school programs in the community, and to build life skills and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal of Dimensions Dance Theater to continue to nurture and develop these programs as an arts academy at the Malonga Casquelourd Center For The Arts; and

WHEREAS, Dimensions Dance theater is celebrating its 35th year of dance and passing on traditions of excellence, its commitment to cultural respect and celebration, and its dedication to bringing the joy of dance to the local and global community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council does hereby recognize and commend Dimensions Dance Theater for its 35 years of outstanding artistic achievements and contributions to the City of Oakland, particularly young people, and does hereby proclaim

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in the City of Oakland and urges all citizens to recognize and support the work of Dimensions Dance Theater, and celebrate with grateful hearts the works of grace, art, and spirit its members bring to our community and the world; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That all Oaklanders and dance and art fans show their support of Dimensions Dance Theater by attending their Anniversary Celebration on November 15, 2008, at the Oakland Interstake Center, for an evening of a multimedia collaborative retrospective with over 20 artists that interweaves the company’s most inspired choreography from the past three decades and demonstrates the diversity of its dynamic movement styles.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, OCT 21 2008, 20


PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE — 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: 
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California