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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

**RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2, 2021, THROUGH MAY 8, 2021,
MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND
HONORING OAKLAND CITY CLERK ASHA REED AND HER
STAFF**

WHEREAS, given the importance of the role of the City Clerk in the affairs of the City of Oakland, the City Clerk is designated as a City Official and the Office of the City Clerk is established pursuant to the Charter of the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Oakland, the City Clerk serves as both the City Clerk and the Clerk of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Clerk provides the professional link amongst the City of Oakland and its City Departments, the citizens, and local governing bodies and agencies; and

WHEREAS, City Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, City Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the City Clerk and their government agencies through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their county, state, national, and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, City Clerk Asha Reed was appointed as the City Clerk for the City of Oakland on March 2, 2021, and previously served as Acting City Clerk since June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, City Clerk Asha Reed has served as an employee with the City of Oakland since April 22, 2013 joining the ranks of the Office of the City Clerk as a Legislative Recorder and assuming the position of Assistant City Clerk since July 29, 2017; during her tenure, Ms. Reed has served four iterations of Council, four Council Presidents, five City Administrators, and two Mayors under the direction of the previous City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, City Clerk Asha Reed leads a group of hardworking staff, including KTOP TV station employees, who are highly committed to providing and improving access to government services; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of City Clerk Asha Reed, the Office of the City Clerk is committed to high standards of public service; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of City Clerk Asha Reed, the Office of the City Clerk has diligently and tirelessly navigated the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, when the business of the City Council transitioned almost exclusively to remote technology after March 19, 2020, when California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, ordering, with limited exceptions, all individuals living in the state of California to stay at home or at their place of residence, until further notice; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of City Clerk Asha Reed, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of the City Clerk has implemented technology to make City Council business accessible remotely for City Council, City staff, and members of the public, which includes establishing new processes and systems in agenda management technology, records management, and administration of municipal elections to enable the public to access information and fully participate in governmental processes affecting the quality of their lives; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the City Clerk and the unwavering dedication to serve the residents of the City of Oakland, the elected officials, City Departments, and other agencies in the City of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council recognizes the week of May 2, 2021 through May 8, 2021, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extends its deep appreciation to our City Clerk Asha Reed and the committed, hardworking staff of the Office of the City Clerk, and to all Clerks across the nation for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council recognizes City Clerk Asha Reed and her staff for their tireless efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the shift to remote Council meetings and business, to serve the residents, departments, and elected officials of the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT
FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

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ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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