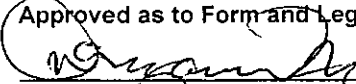


Approved as to Form and Legality

Office of the City Attorney

Oakland City Council

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Vice Mayor Nancy Nadel and Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan

RESOLUTION DECLARING OAKLAND AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY OF PEACE, AND SEPTEMBER 21 AS OAKLAND'S INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

WHEREAS, in 1981, the United Nations first established the International Day of Peace; and in 2001, the United Nations officially designated September 21st to be the annual celebration of the International Day of Peace, devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples; and,

WHEREAS, the vision of health, safety, prosperity and improved quality of life across all of Oakland's neighborhoods will be strengthened by developing a culture of peace among and profound respect for people of all ages, races, cultures, life styles, political viewpoints, educational attainment and level of economic resources; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Oakland have clearly demonstrated their abundant capacity to use their talents and energies to create and apply the tools of peace-building to support this vision, as exemplified by the array of organizations and individuals already providing peace-related programs and skills training throughout our city such as those for developing inner peace, mindfulness and meditation practices, respect for diversity, restorative justice, nonviolent communication and action, mediation and facilitating multi-party community negotiations; and,

WHEREAS, the voters of Oakland have enacted additional property taxes to support programming dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk youth, including violence prevention and intervention; and,

WHEREAS, Oakland has the building blocks in place to become a city renowned for its skills and capacity to solve complex urban issues through peaceful approaches and mutual respect, and thus it is fitting that Oakland be added to the list of International Cities of Peace; and,

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council, as the duly elected representatives of the City of Oakland, has similarly demonstrated a history of implementing official policies and resources to support this vision and wishes to codify these intentions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Oakland is an International City of Peace, dedicated to utilizing and further developing its multi-faceted array of peace-building organizations and processes to unify its residents as a community while continuing to honor and respect the exciting diversity among us; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That henceforth September 21st shall be known as Oakland's International Day of Peace, to review, celebrate, support and expand our peace-building efforts.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF,
AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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