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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

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**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1644 (BONTA) WHICH EXPANDS SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE EARLY MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ACT OF 1991 FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH LEVELS OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA AND ADVERSITY**

**WHEREAS**, California's communities and systems are currently facing challenges to prevent and address the far-reaching impacts of childhood adversity, and childhood trauma, which can result in negative educational, health, social, and economic outcomes for children, youth, families, and communities across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has long recognized the mental health needs of California's children and the value of addressing these needs by supporting the provision of evidence-based mental health services in publicly funded preschools and elementary schools, as evidenced by the creation in 1981 of the Primary Prevention Project, now named the Primary Intervention Program, and the creation in 1991 of the School-based Early Mental Health Intervention and Prevention Services for Children Program, known as the Early Mental Health Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of California's children, families, schools, and communities that the State of California support local decisions to provide funding for evidence-based services to address the mental health needs of children who have been exposed to childhood adversity in publicly funded preschools and elementary schools.; and

**WHEREAS**, in addressing these needs, priority should be given to children, youth, and communities that experience childhood adversity, more severely and profoundly, including those that experience socioeconomic disadvantage and historical and contemporary injustices, vulnerable communities, communities of color, and culturally, linguistically, and geographically isolated communities.; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the FBI Uniform Crime Report, Oakland is ranked among the top ten in the nation for violent crimes. As a result of the violence in Oakland neighborhoods, certain schools have more kids traumatized by adverse childhood experiences which can cause school adjustment difficulties such as anxiety, withdrawal and aggressive behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, providing early mental health service for our children exposed to childhood adversity additionally furthers the goal of the California Defending Childhood State Policy Initiative, which is to more effectively align, integrate, and mobilize multisectoral resources to equitably prevent, identify, and heal the impacts of violence and trauma on children and youth.; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 1644, introduced by Assemblymember Rob Bonta on January 11, 2016, would expand the definition of eligible pupils and educational agencies under the Early Mental Health Intervention And Prevention Services For Children Act of 1991 as well as establish a 4 year pilot program to provide outreach, training, and technical assistance for local educational agencies in providing mental health services at school sites; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses Assembly Bill (AB) 1644

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, 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