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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2013 AS "NATIONAL OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is joining other cities, towns and communities across the United States in acknowledging the countless contributions older Americans make to enrich and improve our nation's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Mayor's Commission on Aging and the Department of Human Services are committed to valuing all individuals and recognizing their ongoing life achievements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has an active, enthusiastic population of older adults who make our City a vibrant, welcoming community; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Oakland contribute experience, knowledge, wisdom, and accomplishments to our community; and

WHEREAS, our older adults are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the successes of community elders encourages their ongoing participation and further accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to allow older citizens to continue to flourish by:

- ❖ Emphasizing the importance of elders and their leadership by publicly recognizing their continued achievements;
- ❖ Presenting opportunities for older Americans to share their wisdom, experience, and skills; and
- ❖ Recognizing older adults as a valuable asset in strengthening American communities;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Oakland City Council do hereby proclaim May 2013 to be National Older Americans Month and we urge every citizen to take time this month to recognize Oakland's older adult residents, and help those vital members of our community to "Unleash the Power of Age".

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and
PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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