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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONORING THE FOLLOWING COURAGEOUS AFRICAN AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS, WHO THROUGH THEIR INNOVATIVE, GROUNDBREAKING WORK, HAVE PROMOTED POSITIVE CHANGE AND UPLIFT FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND IN THE FIELDS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, ADVOCACY, ARTS AND CULTURE, BUSINESS AND FAITH: STANLEY "MISTAH F.A.B." COX, ANGELA GLOVER BLACKWELL, CLEM DANIELS, TONYA HOLLAND, TERENCE BUTLER, DR. ELEANOR MASON RAMSEY, KATANO KASAINÉ, LATONDA SIMMONS, ROOTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, AND REGINA JACKSON.

WHEREAS, Dr Carter Godwin Woodson, an African-American historian, author, journalist and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, recognized that African-American contributions were overlooked, ignored, and suppressed by history textbooks and educators, dedicated his life to the discovery, research, preservation and promotion of African American contributions to the U S; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Dr Woodson pioneered the celebration of "Negro History Week," to honor Black American achievement and contribution in the U S and the world through the designation of the week between the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and in 1976, the official commemoration was extended to the entire month of February and renamed to Black History Month which is now celebrated throughout the United States, Canada, and the U K; and

WHEREAS, Oakland is one of the most ethnically diverse major cities in the United States, and has been known since the Great Migration in the 1940s - when thousands of Southern laborers moved to California - as an epicenter of African-American life, culture and community; and

WHEREAS, the individuals and institutions we honor today have made significant contributions to the City of Oakland, through their dedication to the celebration, expansion, and preservation of the unique contributions of African Americans and these historic contributions are woven into the fabric of American history in the City of Oakland, the United States and the world; and

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WHEREAS, District 1 is honoring: **Stanley “Mistah F.A.B.” Cox** who, after achieving tremendous success as an internationally revered rap musician and one of the original pillars of the “Hyphy Movement”, has dedicated his time, energy and resources towards empowering his beloved community. Stanley “Mistah F.A.B.” Cox seizes every opportunity to lift up our most vulnerable populations. Cox strives to promote peace, education and community by holding several annual philanthropic events such as “Coats, Covers and Turkeys” and “Toys for Joy” food, clothing, blanket and toy drives, as well as an annual backpack and school supply giveaways. Mr. Cox is constantly giving of himself and engaging with the community in order to inspire those who need it the most; and

WHEREAS, District 2 is honoring: **Angela Glover Blackwell** CEO of PolicyLink and a leading voice in the movement for equity in America. She started PolicyLink in Oakland in 1999 and established it as a national leader in the use of public policy to improve access and opportunity for all low-income people and communities of color, particularly in the areas of health, housing, transportation, education and infrastructure. Prior to founding PolicyLink, she served as senior vice president at the Rockefeller Foundation, where she oversaw the foundation’s domestic and cultural divisions. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Howard University and a law degree from UC Berkeley, and first gained national recognition as founder of the Urban Strategies Council in Oakland. She served on President Barack Obama’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans, and locally on the Committee to Protect Tenant Rights, which helped to pass Oakland Measure JJ. She is a frequent commentator for the nation’s top news organizations, including The New York Times, Washington Post, Salon, and CNN. She appeared in the PBS series The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and co-authored and contributed to numerous books, including, Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, District 3 is honoring: **Clem Daniels** a running back for the American Football League’s Oakland Raiders for both his athletic accomplishments as well as his deep and enduring commitment to social justice and good works in the City of Oakland. Clem Daniels is the Oakland Raider third all-time leading rusher, was selected to the AFL All-Star team from 1963 to 1966, and was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the AFL in 1963. Outside of football, Clem Daniels has been a committed advocate for social justice causes around integration, labor rights, educational equity and the justice system including leading the entire Raiders team to boycott an exhibition game in Mobile, AL to oppose the racist segregation of Blacks in the stadium; and

WHEREAS, District 4 is honoring: **Tanya Holland**, Executive Chef and Owner of Brown Sugar Kitchen and B-Side BBQ in Oakland, CA. Holland is known for her inventive takes on modern soul food, as well as comfort classics. The author of *Brown Sugar Kitchen: New-Style, Down-Home Recipes from Sweet West Oakland*, and *New Soul Cooking: Updating a Cuisine Rich in Flavor and Tradition*, Holland is perhaps best known for her role as a host and expert on *Soul Food* for the “Melting Pot” series on

Food Network. Holland holds a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Language and Literature from the University of Virginia, as well as a Grande Diplôme from La Varenne Ecole de Cuisine in Burgundy, France. Holland served on The Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels of San Francisco, and is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Women's Initiative. She is a member of the Chef's Council for The Center for Culinary Development in San Francisco. In 2010, Holland was inducted as a member of the prestigious Les Dames d'Escoffier. Holland continues to share her love of modern Southern fare by bringing home her passion for soul food and the amazing experiences shared through the act of enjoying a meal with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, District 5 is honoring: **Terence Butler "Mr. Community"**, who as a producer/songwriter has helped energize Oakland for over 30 years with his national credibility in music, sports, and community, most recently founding "Youth Sports Nation", which consists of former professional athletes and entertainers partnering with Oakland youth sports programs, Oakland Unified School District, the Oakland A's, and the City Of Oakland; and;

WHEREAS, District 6 is honoring: **Dr. Eleanor Ramsey** who has dedicated over 30 years of experience in core Affirmative Action services by lending her direction and leadership to Mason Tillman & Associates, LTD. and has managed 119 unchallenged disparity studies on time and within budget. She has conducted the research necessary to design Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs that meet judicial review standards and has provided close oversight to ensure compliance with local and federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise regulations. Dr. Ramsey has also designed Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise programs for cities, transportation departments, public school districts, airports, states, and, counties and was also instrumental in developing the firm's Croson Study on Disparity in Purchasing & Construction; and

WHEREAS, District 7 is honoring: **Ms. Katano Kasaine** who is a dedicated influential municipal leader who demonstrates commitment to promoting fiscal prosperity, stability and public trust in the City of Oakland, is well respected for her diligence in safeguarding City's assets, and goes above and beyond her duties as a public employee; has over 20 years of high-level organizational management experience in a wide range of municipal government including areas of fiscal management, personnel administration and information technology. In this capacity, she managed all City's debt, fiscal controls and strategies; management of City, Port of Oakland, and the Successor Agency cash and investments; all city-wide human resource/payroll, the City's two Retirement Plans and the City's information technology department. She has also led or played a key role in various high profile organizational efforts critical to local government performance; and

WHEREAS, District 7 is honoring: **Ms. LaTonda Simmons** who is the current City Clerk for the City of Oakland, was appointed to the position in 2005, leads a committed team of staff and the Office of the City Clerk as established by the City Charter, that serves as the information center on functions of local government and public access, provides the professional link between the citizens, the local government bodies and other agencies at many levels, and has diligently and tirelessly provided the

citizens of Oakland with advancements for seamless public access in agenda management, records management, municipal elections, and citizen engagement tools to enable the public to contribute to and fully participate in the governmental decision making process and make informed decisions affecting the quality of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaTonda Simmons, starting as a temp 15 years ago in the Office of the City Clerk, committed to contributing to improvement of office systems, reputation, and implementation of tools to advance citizen access to this government, has emerged as a leader and proponent of public access as cited in articles in the Oakland Magazine, the book Local Legends, and other social blogs, personifies the true meaning of professionalism, dignity, and expertise that has raised the standards and visibility of the work of the Office of the City Clerk, and has diligently exemplified a sense of dedication to the citizens of Oakland, to the City Council, and all local government bodies and agencies of government at other levels,

WHEREAS, the At-Large District is honoring: **Roots Community Health Center** which is a community clinic licensed by the California Department of Health Care Services that is growing in impact as an East Oakland anchor organization providing a unique blend of primary care and complementary services to build empowerment and self-sufficiency through a whole person approach to health. Roots is acting on new opportunities and building organizational capacity to serve as an Oakland-rooted, Oakland-committed model demonstrating integrated, whole health methods. Roots' success has led to the addition of new locations, including a pediatric clinic in the lower Fruitvale neighborhood as well as a social enterprise - Clean360 - in central and East Oakland. Roots' mission is to address Oakland's long-standing health inequities by providing culturally competent, comprehensive physical and mental healthcare, education, employment training, and wraparound services that build individual self-sufficiency and promote community empowerment. Roots implements its mission by addressing major social determinants of health disparities - including unemployment and marginalization from the workforce - often not prioritized by traditional medicine. Roots' programs and services honor the roots of culture, heritage, and tradition; prioritize easy access; and ensure community-aware, responsive service; and

Whereas, the Mayor's Office is honoring: **Regina Jackson** who is the President and CEO of the East Oakland Youth Development Center, better known as the EOYDC. Ms. Jackson has made it her mission to invest heavily in the future of children – our nation's greatest resource. She has taken on the challenge of molding and mentoring young people in her hometown of Oakland, CA, in order to transform their lives. Ms. Jackson's involvement with EOYDC began in 1984 when, as a graduate of the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs, she was invited to serve on the Board of Directors. While the mission is to develop the social and leadership capacities of youth, Ms. Jackson has done an excellent job of providing community engagement, youth empowerment and leadership development resources as well. Ms. Jackson was inducted into both Bishop O'Dowd High School and Alameda County halls of fame; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland hereby honors and commends the following individuals in recognition of Black History and Heritage Month 2016:

- Stanley "Mistah F.A.B." Cox
- Angela Glover Blackwell
- Clem Daniels
- Tanya Holland
- Terence Butler
- Dr. Eleanor Ramsey
- Roots Community Health Center
- Katano Kasaine
- LaTonda Simmons
- Regina Jackson

And be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED: That these African American individuals and organizations are recognized for their courageous spirits, their innovation to address community challenges, and their steadfast commitment to social change, which have yielded great results that have strengthened, enhanced, and improved the City of Oakland and the lives of all its residents.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, 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