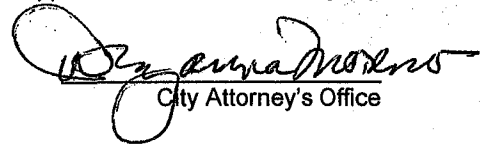


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABEL  
GUILLÉN AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

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#### **HONORING THE OAKLAND WOMEN'S ROWING CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Women's Rowing Club was founded on February 2, 1916 by 26 volleyball players from Bushrod Recreation Center, Lockwood School and Mosswood School recreation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Women's Rowing Club was established to foster a love of the outdoors, promote team spirit, and encourage the practice of rowing among women; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Women's Rowing Club is the oldest women's rowing club in the nation and the longest scheduled activity on Lake Merritt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Women's Rowing Club members have met every Wednesday morning for 100 years, weather permitting, rowing on Lake Merritt in white boats trimmed in blue, wearing white attire with blue scarves and white sailor hats, and orange jackets in the winter months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Women's Rowing Club participates in rowing and civic activities in the City of Oakland and often represents the City in appearances in films, photographs, parades, and in media feature coverage of our City's assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Women's Rowing Club donated the first \$100 toward the original lamps in the Necklace of Lights that encircles Lake Merritt, and has supported Lake Merritt beautification programs ever since; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Women's Rowing Club, which started rowing in a donated Coast Guard surf boat, now rows in four whaleboats they have commissioned and donated to the City, two of which are state-of-the-art fiberglass boats commissioned in the last five years and costing \$44,000 apiece with oars and covers; and

**WHEREAS**, through their regular weekly rowing activities, the Club continues to act as a good-will ambassador for the City of Oakland and contributes greatly to the unique ambience of Lake Merritt; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council does hereby congratulate the Oakland Women's Rowing Club on its Centennial commemorating 100 years of rowing pleasure, and wishes for continued success in promoting the City of Oakland and enjoying rowing on Lake Merritt to the delight of all; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council does hereby declare February 2nd, 2016 as Oakland Women's Rowing Club Day in the City of Oakland.

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