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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS JEAN QUAN, NANCY NADEL, AND IGNACIO DELAFUENTE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2004 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the rate of domestic violence cases reported in Oakland is higher than any other city in the nine Bay Area Counties; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence rates are increasing in Oakland with a reported total of 2,238 cases last year which included physical violence, child abuse, violation of restraining orders and other acts; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States, more than muggings, car accidents, and rapes combined;

WHEREAS, at some point in their life time, domestic violence is experienced by 31% of the nations female population with a total of 4 million women reporting abuse in this country every year;

WHEREAS, a child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next;

WHEREAS, violent juvenile offenders are 4 times more likely to grow up in homes where they saw violence and 80% of youth runaways come from violent homes;

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognizes that domestic violence permeates all ethnic, racial, age, gender and socioeconomic populations, and that victims suffer physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence programs in the City of Oakland provide vital services to families, including crisis hotlines, emergency shelter, support programs for children and teenagers, public education, intervention and legal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all citizens in the City of Oakland so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our community; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, all citizens of Oakland are encouraged to remember domestic violence survivors and their families, to promote the programs and

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organizations that serve them and to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of people throughout the City of Oakland; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council does hereby proclaim October 2004 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the city of Oakland and wishes to call this observance to the attention of its citizens; and let it be

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the citizens and employees of the City of Oakland are invited to participate in a lunch time forum at the City Council Chambers on October 20, 2004, 11 am-1 pm, to discuss the issues of domestic violence in our city.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, DE LA FUENTE, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California