

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS LOREN TAYLOR & TREVA REID

ADOPT A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE BLACK CULTURAL ZONE FOR TWO YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE AKOMA MARKET AND CONGRATULATING THE MARKET ON EXPANSION TO PHASE 2.0 EXPANDING IT TO OTHER LOCATIONS ACROSS OAKLAND WHILE MAINTAINING ITS PRESENCE AND FOOTPRINT AT LIBERATION PARK IN EAST OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the Black Cultural Zone created the Akoma Outdoor Farmer's Market, in September 2020, as a hub for locally sourced and minority-owned retail, restaurants, health and wellness providers, and artistry in Deep East Oakland; and,

WHEREAS, the Black Cultural Zone has held 51 markets, to date, with over 5,000 visitors partaking in their unique outdoor experience; and,

WHEREAS, the Akoma Outdoor Market has featured over 200 Black and Brown small businesses, with many vendors regarding its unprecedented space as an economic lifeline during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Akoma Outdoor Market served as a primary distribution center for the COVID-19 vaccine, personal protection equipment, food, and other life-saving materials during the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Black Cultural Zone has received countless awards and recognition for its community-centered initiatives, and has raised over \$250,000 for its market programming; and,

WHEREAS, the Akoma Outdoor Market continuously elevates the beauty and history of Oakland's Black community, particularly through its Pan-Afrikan, Juneteenth, and Black Love-themed celebrations; and,

WHEREAS, the Black Cultural Zone will continue to bring joy, healing, and love to the Oakland community through Akoma 2.0, which will expand to other areas of the city while maintaining headquarters at Liberation Park in East Oakland; and,

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland honors and celebrates the 2-year anniversary of Black Cultural Zone’s Akoma Outdoor Market and its enriching service to our local community.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California