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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER

TO HONOR AND COMMEMORATE THE "LINCOLN CHILD CENTER" ON ITS 120TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland commemorates the Lincoln Child Center for providing mental health services for children and families living in Oakland and the Bay Area through their residential, education and community based programs. For 120 years, the Lincoln Child Center's mission has been to enable vulnerable and emotionally troubled children and their families to lead independent and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Child Center was established in 1883, and the children who passed through its doors were orphans or the children of parents who could no longer provide for them. One hundred and twenty years later, Lincoln Child Center is still leading the way in serving the needs of our city's most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Child Center is both a school for approximately 90 students and a residential care program for 50 youngsters who cannot live with their families because many of these troubled children are estranged from their parents and are without permanent homes, and others are removed from their homes for their own safety. Lincoln Child Center has become the temporary family and home for these children; and

WHEREAS, the residential programs of Lincoln Child Center provide excellent structured care, extensive counseling and a sense of belonging to enable the children to return to their own homes or foster care; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Child Center has expanded its services into the community with prevention and early intervention programs for at-risk children. All of their programs and support systems are designed to encourage positive life choices, improve self-confidence, promote healthy development and strengthen the family; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Lincoln Child Center will continue to help children between the ages of six and fourteen work through their emotional problems, recover from their painful experiences and learn how to build a foundation for a bright and successful future; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland commends Lincoln Child Center for 120 years of strong commitment to empowering parents and relatives with the tools and life skills they need to take a strong and positive role in their child's life; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland congratulates Lincoln Child Center for 120 years of outstanding work and extends best wishes for continued success of their programs.

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
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