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RESOLUTION NO. 79172 C.M.S.

## INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

TITLE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2005, CITY OF OAKLAND BIKE DAY AND ENCOURAGING OUR RESIDENTS TO BIKE TO WORK, SCHOOL OR PLAY.

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Day is an annual event that promotes bicycling as a way to improve health, lower stress, and reduce air pollution, traffic congestion, and energy consumption, making Oakland a healthier community; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of bicycling supports the Oakland City Council's FY 2005-07 budget goal of maximizing "socially and environmentally sustainable economic growth, including conserving natural resources"; and

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Day is the most significant annual opportunity for the City of Oakland to celebrate and promote bicycling for transportation, in partnership with Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, RIDES for Bay Area Commuters, the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition, and public and private employers; and

WHEREAS, Oakland City staff, residents, and bicycling advocates worked together to create the annual event in 1993, making this year Oakland's 12<sup>th</sup> and California's 11<sup>th</sup> annual Bike to Work Day; and

WHEREAS, the event promotes use of new bicycle lanes and bicycle parking throughout the City, including Oakland's first, and California's largest, attended bike parking facility at the Fruitvale Transit Village next to the Fruitvale BART Station; and

WHEREAS the day's festivities promote connections to AC Transit, BART, the Alameda/Oakland Ferry, and Amtrak, which also facilitate bicycle commuting; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Bicycle Coalition will again provide free, all-day, valet bike parking in the Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, making it easy for downtown employees to participate in the event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oakland and Mayor Jerry Brown, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 19, 2005, as Bike to Work Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this year's Bike to Work festivities will be held from 7:00 to 9:00am in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza in front of City Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Department Heads are requested to encourage participation in the City of Oakland's Bike to Work Day, and to set a casual dress code, as appropriate, for employees on Thursday, May 19, 2005. IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, May 3, 2005

## PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID \*\*\* PRESENTED \*\*\* FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT- Ø

ABSTENTION- Ø

EXCUSED - PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

Interim City Clerk and Clerk of the Council

of the City of Oakland, California