

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUNNER

A RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 2, 2007 "REESE ERLICH DAY" IN OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Reese Erlich, an Oakland resident for 40 years, has had a distinguished career in journalism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Erlich began his career at *Ramparts* Magazine in San Francisco, and has gone on to write regularly for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Dallas Morning News*, Canadian Broadcasting Corp. Radio, National Public Radio and many other media. This year he celebrates 39 years working in journalism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Erlich has written investigative stories exposing corruption, abuse of power and malfeasance in both the United States and in other countries, and, as the author of hundreds of articles, radio features and two books, has detailed numerous foreign policy debacles by the United States government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Erlich has won numerous prestigious journalism awards, including sharing the 2006 Peabody award and the 2004 Clarion Award presented by the Association for Women in Communication and the 2003 National Headliner Awards. His article about the U.S. use of depleted uranium ammunition was voted one of the most censored stories in America for 2002-3 by Project Censored at Sonoma State University. He won the depth reporting prize for broadcast journalism awarded by the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Erlich's work and career exemplify the essential importance of investigative journalism to a free society and a fully-functioning democracy; and

WHEREAS, The City Council, through its recognition of Mr. Erlich, also recognizes and commends the hundreds of journalists—some of whom are very close to home—who have been assaulted or killed for doing their jobs, and for the thousands of journalists who to this day withstand threats, danger and time away from their families and loved ones to bring important stories back to their audiences; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Oakland commends its congratulations to Mr. Erlich and joins his colleagues, family, and many friends in celebrating his career of achievement by proclaiming October 2, 2007 as "**Reese Erlich Day**" in the City of Oakland.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, KERNIGHAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-
ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California