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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 59TH ANNIVERSARY OF TIBET UPRISING DAY AND AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF TIBET

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2018, many Californians, including Tibetan Americans residing in Oakland and nearby cities, will gather to commemorate the 59th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the Chinese invasion and occupation of Tibet; and

WHEREAS, Tibetan Americans have been expressing concern regarding the Chinese Government's:

- (1) travel restrictions against Tibetans and United States citizens;
- (2) restrictive regulations on religious affairs in Tibet;
- (3) censorship of Buddhist literature and information in Tibet;
- (4) demolition of Tibetan Buddhist sites;
- (5) imprisonment of Tibetan prisoners of conscience; and
- (6) declarations that decision-making power over the Dalai Lama's lineage resides with the central government of China; and

WHEREAS, for many years, thousands of Tibetans have publicly called for the return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a long history of support to the Tibetan people, including the passage of the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, numerous jurisdictions have issued policy statements supporting Tibet, including the cities of Richmond and Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress is considering a bipartisan bill, Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act of 2017, to promote access for American citizens, diplomats and journalists in Tibet, similar to that enjoyed by Chinese citizens, diplomats and journalists in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress is considering a bipartisan and bicameral resolution expressing that the treatment of the Tibetan people should be an important factor in the conduct of United States relations with the People's Republic of China; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby affirms support for the Tibetan people to retain their heritage and protect it from destruction against overwhelming odds through non-violent and peaceful means; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The Oakland City Council commemorates the 59th anniversary of the Tibetan uprising and recognizes March 10, 2018 as "Tibet Day in Oakland;" and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Oakland City Council directs the City Administrator to send copies of this Resolution to both of California's United States Senators.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California