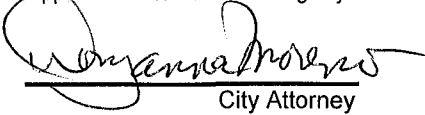


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Kaplan

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 21ST TO BE “ASKING SAVES KIDS” (“ASK”) DAY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the epidemic of gun violence is plaguing our nation’s children and claiming seven lives a day; and

WHEREAS, children in the United States are more likely to die of gun violence than from cancer and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, one in three American homes with children have guns, and 1.7 million children live in a home with an unlocked, loaded gun; and

WHEREAS, leaving guns unsecured in homes increases risks and dangers to kids in the home, and the risk of the gun falling into criminal use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has passed local laws prohibiting leaving guns unsecured in homes; and

WHEREAS, the “Asking Saves Kids” (“ASK”) Campaign encourages parents to add one more safety question to conversations before their child visits other homes: “Is there an unlocked gun in your house?”; and

WHEREAS, asking this simple question before sending your child to another home could help save your child’s life; and

WHEREAS, the hope is that asking this will become a common health and safety question; offering a real, immediate solution that all Americans can adopt to help protect their families and children from injury and death; and

WHEREAS, the ASK Campaign brings together all Americans concerned with the welfare of children, including gun owners, and makes the solution to gun violence a discussion about public safety and good parenting; and

WHEREAS, the first day of summer, the season in which kids typically spend more time at the homes of friends and family, is designated as National ASK Day; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council proclaims June 21st to be “ASK Day” in the City of Oakland and calls upon the people of Oakland to recognize this special observance with activities, including reminding people not to leave unsecured guns in homes.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California