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Oakland City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY CITY ATTORNEY BARBARA J. PARKER

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### RESOLUTION HONORING MORRISE JOHNSON FOR 15 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

**WHEREAS**, Morrise Johnson, Legal Administrative Assistant in the Office of the City Attorney, will retire December 30, 2016 after more than 15 years of service to the citizens and the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson served with distinction, expertise and integrity during her tenure in the City Attorney's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson was born in Atlanta, Georgia and raised in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson graduated from King Junior High and from Castlemont High School in East Oakland, and later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from the University of Phoenix; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson has one daughter – Nikol Johnson-Patrick – and three grandchildren – Jamie, James and Jameson; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson began her working career at the age of 15 with the City of Oakland's Summer Youth Program; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from high school, Ms. Johnson's first full time job was with the California State Compensation Insurance Fund as a Clerk Typist; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson began her legal career in 1975 and over the years worked for law firms including Berkeley & Rhoades; Kincaid, Gianunzio, Caudle & Hubert; and Larson & Burnham, now known as Burnham Brown; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson started her tenure with the Office of the City Attorney in 2002 as a Legal Administrative Assistant in the Office's Litigation Division; and

**WHEREAS**, as a Legal Administrative Assistant, Ms. Johnson performed many duties necessary for the Office of the City Attorney to function; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson assisted attorneys with lawsuits filed against the City in the state, federal and appellate courts, and assisted advisory attorneys who provided legal counsel to all departments within the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, for six years, Ms. Johnson provided support to the Neighborhood Law Corps, a unit in the City Attorney's Office that focuses on affirmative litigation, civil rights and community-impact projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson assisted the Neighborhood Law Corps on many high-profile cases including lawsuits against hotels that were centers of human trafficking and prostitution in Oakland, and lawsuits against landlords who provided substandard housing and violated tenants' rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson displayed great dedication to her colleagues, the Office of the City Attorney and the Oakland community, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland thanks Ms. Johnson for her professionalism, equanimity under pressure, years of faithful service and many contributions to the public good.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTIONS -

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