

## RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL ACCORDS SIGNED BY MAYOR JERRY BROWN ON JANUARY 5, 2005 ON THE OCCASION OF UNITED NATIONS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND DECLARING OAKLAND A GREEN CITY AND PROCLAIMING APRIL, 2006 AS EARTH MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY AND THE SEVERAL COMMUNITY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OAKLAND AS A SUSTAINABLE CITY.

WHEREAS, Goals of the Mayor and City Council are to Develop A Sustainable City through objectives to maximize socially and environmentally sustainable economic growth, conserving natural resources, and encourage and support social equity for all Oakland residents and Build Community and Foster Livable Neighborhoods through objectives to provide clean, well maintained and accessible streets, sidewalks, facilities, amenities, parks, recreation facilities and trees and to encourage and support civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2005 Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown joined mayors of 50 of the world's largest and most visionary cities as an original signer of the United Nations World Environment Day Urban Environmental Accords, pledging that Oakland, as a Green City, would implement 21 action steps over seven years to building an ecological sustainable, economically dynamic and socially equitable future for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Environmental Accords will be showcased during the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Expo on April 19, 2006 in Frank Ogawa Plaza and feature interactive exhibits that demonstrate the opportunities to promote sustainable practices in Waste Reduction, Energy, Water, Transportation, Urban Design, Urban Nature and Environmental Health that can begin within our own homes and communities and lead to a sustainable urban environment; and

WHEREAS, the 36<sup>th</sup> year of Earth Day will be celebrated in Oakland on April 22, 2006 with activities involving thousands of community volunteers at over 80 locations throughout the City who will "Clean it, Green it, Mean it" by working to restore creeks, stencil storm drains, plant trees and native plants, and clean and beautify their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2006, National Arbor Day in Oakland will be celebrated through a special tree planting at San Antonio Park; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2006 the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike to Work Day will be celebrated in Frank Ogawa Plaza to encourage downtown Oakland employees and residents to try the "no-pollute commute;" now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council does hereby acknowledge and celebrate the Urban Environmental Accords and supports the City's best efforts to achieve the stated actions over the next seven years to become a Sustainable City; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council proclaims, **April 2006** as **Earth Month** and joins with community volunteers in the several events celebrating Oakland as a Sustainable City.

APR 4 2006 IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2006

## PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BRUNNER; KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE -7

NOES - Ø ABSENT - Brunner - 1 ABSTENTION -

ATTEST

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