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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVA REID

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE, EMPOWERING
LEGACY AND LASTING MEMORY OF GLADYS GREEN, BELOVED
COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AND CHAMPION FOR THE RESIDENTS
OF OAKLAND AND ALAMEDA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Our dearly beloved Mrs. Gladys Green left an unforgettable mark on her hometown of Oakland, and Alameda County. She led out incredibly strong as a neighborhood activist, business leader, and an advocate for low-income and underserved residents for over 70 years, and helped to champion successful efforts to curb gun violence in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 28, 2022, Mrs. Green went home to be with the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green served willingly and diligently as a member of several local and regional bodies. She was dedicated to serving her immediate neighborhood with a deep commitment to helping others and making Oakland a better place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green leveraged her strong influences in the community and developed excellent relationships with City of Oakland, Alameda County, State elected officials, department heads and management in all the municipalities that impact Oakland. Her track record and long history of public service speaks for itself. Her ability to advance stakeholders concerns to actionable items will be admired for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green's dedication to community service has been recognized by numerous awards and honors over the years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green was a courageous leader in efforts to promote public safety. In 1999, she was honored by the State of California for her work on legislation that broadened restrictions on assault weapons and worked with the Oakland Unified School District on programs seeking to remove guns from school campuses; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green served as the Board Chair of the Alameda County – Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP), which works to eliminate poverty and blunt its impacts. For more than a decade, Mrs. Green organized monthly food giveaways and holiday toy drive for families and children at St. Benedict’s Church where she was an active member and an electoral and Eucharistic minister; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green was a longtime member and Vice Chair of the Board of Oakland Business Development Corporation, which provides loans and consultation to help launch small businesses. She successfully helped launch Oakland’s Pican and Bakesale Betty restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green was also the President of the Elmhurst Community Development Board for Oakland’s District 7 and a member of the Coliseum Redevelopment Advisory Committee where she advocated for keeping a sports franchise in Oakland for economic stability; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2015, Mrs. Green was recognized by former Councilmember Larry Reid as the District 7 Black History Month Honoree. That same year, she was inducted into the Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame as the “Community Service Inductee”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland, and Alameda County, have been truly blessed by the many contributions of Mrs. Green. She dedicated her life to serving others. We were so fortunate to have witnessed her life-long commitment to eliminating food insecurity and poverty, curbing gun violence, and promoting small businesses and economic development across the City; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Green made countless significant contributions in her community, in the City of Oakland and regionally. Her every action demonstrated her deep commitment to public service, civic engagement and being a champion for its residents. She leaves behind an astounding legacy of her incredible work and a positive impact from her service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland wishes to honor of the beautiful life, empowering legacy and lasting memory of Mrs. Gladys Green, beloved community advocate and champion for the residents of Oakland and Alameda County significant contributions to the City of Oakland and globally and the positive impact of service and legacy of her incredible work.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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