

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVA REID

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TEAM OAKLAND FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES TO BE HELD IN DAEGU, SOUTH KOREA

WHEREAS, for 49 years now, the International Children's Games have brought together over 32,000 children from every continent and culture with the opportunity of participating in the annual games. The International Olympic Committee has sponsored the International Children's Games and more than 1,500 athletes, aged 12-15 years, from all over the world take part in Olympic competitions every year, and to date, the International Children's Games have hosted summer and winter games with over 20 participating countries, delegations from 555 cities, 95 countries, and five continents; and

WHEREAS, The International Olympic Committee sponsors the International Children's Games; which emphasizes the importance of Olympic Sports, team spirit, fair play, equity, respect, accepting differences, friendship, competition, creativity, trust, and a myriad of many healthy virtues; and

WHEREAS, Team Oakland has been selected by the International Children's Games to represent our beloved city of Oakland at the 2023 International Children's Games in Daegu, South Korea. Team Oakland has, in the past, competed in the International Children's Games at several host cities including Athens, Greece (2009), Lanarkshire, Scotland (2011), Windsor, Ontario, Canada (2014), Lake Macquarie, Australia (2015), Alkmaar, Netherlands (2015), New Taipei, Taiwan (2016), and Kanus, Lithuania (2017); and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 2008 Team Oakland has excelled in sports performance—especially youth track—with athletes consistently ranking in the Top 10 in their individual events, having won several medals in the 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, 4x100 meter relays, and long jump at local meets throughout Northern California; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 Team Oakland is comprised of ten youth scholar-athletes who are selected based on their athletic abilities as well as their academic performance, and community service: Jordynn Hughes, Kaylen Gillam, Makiah Ball, Sanai Patterson, Mia Monroe, Robert Whitlock, Darius Bright, Phinehas Browne, Chad Works-Wright, Kayden Lewis-Burnley. The team is led by Head Coach Olympic Gold Medalist Tommie Smith, Coach Margaret Dixon and Coach Michael Flood Jr., City Representative Dr. Mark Alexander, and Delegation Head Juanita Metters-Upshur. These athletes and coaches are working hard to prepare for this prestigious competition; and

WHEREAS, Team Oakland is deeply rooted in Oakland and is receiving full support and sponsorship by the Oakland Police Activities League and 100 Black Men of the Bay Area through The 100 Black Men’s acclaimed Youth Movement Program, which has a mission of:

- Developing a model community-driven fitness program in marginalized neighborhoods
- Developing healthy food choice habits among Bay Area youth
- Preparing young people for academic/career success
- Establishing athletic clubs in Bay Area communities and revitalizing after-school youth sports programs
- Nurturing character development and teamwork in a positive environment providing a feeling of confidence, self-empowerment, and the drive to succeed; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland, along with the entire City Council, commends and congratulates Team Oakland for their accomplishments and passionate devotion, their commitment to excellence in athleticism, and their hard work, which has brought them this unique opportunity to represent the City of Oakland through their participation in the International Children’s Games, Daegu, South Korea this year.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - -FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

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ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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