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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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## INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NADEL

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 6 TO MAY 15, 2011 TO BE THE 15TH ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

WHEREAS, affordable housing provides opportunity and stability to individuals and families, brings diversity and vitality to communities, and provides a healthy start for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, non-profit housing developers have built tens of thousands of high quality affordable homes for tenants and homeowners, helping to alleviate the East Bay's shortage of low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, this shortage of affordable housing continues to be a crisis in the face of current economic and public funding challenges; and

WHEREAS, too many residents in this very community live in overcrowded and substandard housing or are homeless, thousands are impacted by the foreclosure crisis, and thousands more pay over 30% of their income for housing and are at significant risk of losing their homes; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing allows seniors and families to stay in their communities and thrive, while people with special needs can live with dignity, support and compassion; and

WHEREAS, quality affordable housing allows workers to live near their jobs, shortening commutes and giving parents more time with their children; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing in transit-oriented developments reduces traffic and greenhouse gases, and today's "green" affordable housing provides health, environmental and financial benefits to Bay Area communities; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing creates quality jobs, services and investment, and will help our communities become sustainable and inclusive for generations; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) has organized Affordable Housing Week for 15 years and this year will feature 18 events acknowledging the need for and contributions of affordable housing; now, therefore, be it: **RESOLVED**, that the City of Oakland proclaims the week of May 6 to May 15, 2011 as the 15th Annual Affordable Housing Week in the City of Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Oakland encourages its residents to learn how investing in affordable housing can create better futures for families, individuals, and communities in activities held to commemorate this observance.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

**ABSTENTION -**

ATTEST:

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