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## 2012 MAY 31 PH 4 Qakland City Council

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

Introduced by Mayor Jean Quan and Vice Mayor Nancy Nadel

## **RESOLUTION HONORING TANYA HOLLAND FOR HER SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CREATING COMMUNITY AND ESTABLISHING OAKLAND AS A CULINARY CENTER**

WHEREAS, Tanya Holland has been deeply involved in Oakland through her businesses as well as her involvement in various organizations creating community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holland is the chef and owner of two restaurants, Brown Sugar Kitchen and B-Side BBQ, both in West Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holland is also a cookbook author and media personality who is often called on to demonstrate her culinary expertise or elucidate her business acumen; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holland is board member of Women's Initiative, a supporter of Meals on Wheels in both San Francisco and Alameda County, a backer of Girls Inc of Alameda County; and a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier; and

WHEREAS, Brown Sugar Kitchen and B-Side BBQ were established in severely underserved neighborhoods with a crying need for amenities, and have become community meeting places for local residents that also attract a large percentage of destination diners and repeat customers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holland has attracted a significant amount of positive press for her cuisine and her restaurants have been instrumental in transforming the landscape of the neighborhoods surrounding them; and

WHEREAS, these accolades include recognition in such magazines as Oprah Magazine, Food & Wine Magazine, Wine Enthusiast, Travel & Leisure, Sunset Magazine, and San Francisco Magazine; and newspapers like The Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune, The Los Angeies Times, The Wall Street Journal, The San Francisco Chronicle, and The Oakland Tribune; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holland and her restaurants have been honored by national television appearances on VH1 Soul, TV-One, and The Cooking Channel; and hailed locally on Check Please Bay Area, CBS 5's Eye on the Bay, and ABC7's View from the Bay; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holland's cornmeal waffles have become one of the most celebrated (and imitated) dishes in the Bay Area, garnering much local and national press; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holland employs over 20 Oaklanders, and uses local, organic and sustainable ingredients from local purveyors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland hereby honors Tanya Holland for her significant role in creating community and establishing Oakland as a culinary center recognized throughout the City of Oakland, the State of California, and the United States; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland declares June 5, 2012, as Tanya Holland Day in the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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