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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85 0 51 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 21, 2014 AS "ASK DAY" (ASKING SAVES KIDS) URGING PARENTS TO ASK THEIR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, AND RELATIVES IF THERE IS AN UNLOCKED GUN IN THEIR HOME BEFORE SENDING A CHILD OVER TO PLAY AND CALLING UPON THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND TO RECOGNIZE THIS SPECIAL OBSERVANCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE DILIGENCE AND ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the epidemic of gun violence is plaguing our nation's children and claiming nine children and teen lives a day; and

WHEREAS, over one third of American homes with children have guns, many kept unlocked and loaded, and children in the United States are more likely to die of gun violence than from all natural causes combined; and

WHEREAS, the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign urges parents to ASK their neighbors, friends, and relatives if there is a gun in their home before sending a child over to play or visit; and

WHEREAS, the ASK Campaign, a collaboration between the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence and the American Academy of Pediatrics, has partnered with over 400 grassroots organizations to spread its message in neighborhoods nationwide; and

WHEREAS, through a national public health campaign, the hope is that ASKing will become part of good parenting vernacular; offering a real solution that all Americans can adopt to help protect our families and children and that works immediately to save lives; and

WHEREAS, the power of the ASK Campaign is its inclusion of all individuals concerned with the welfare of children, including gun owners, and makes one of the solutions to gun violence a discussion about public safety and good parenting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland therefore does hereby proclaim **June 21, 2014** as "**ASK Day**" and calls upon the people of Oakland to recognize this special observance with the appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

JUN 17 2014

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN -8

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

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