

2014 OCT -2 PM 2:43 OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR JEAN QUAN

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE.**

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council and Mayor wish to reflect on the impact of the Loma Prieta Earthquake that struck Oakland and the Bay Area at 5:04 p.m. on October 17, 1989, and commemorate the 42 victims who lost their lives in Oakland as a result of this natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to honor the countless heroes that unselfishly risked their own lives to assist victims; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages local residents and businesses to prepare for any future natural disaster by creating a disaster plan, building an emergency kit, enrolling in earthquake insurance and taking a CORE training class; and

WHEREAS, the City will mark the 25th Anniversary with a free public event at the Cypress Freeway Memorial Park on Friday, October 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., which will follow a media event held at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the event will include an emergency preparedness fair and a special remembrance ceremony; and

WHEREAS, significant improvements in the City's readiness for emergencies and natural disasters have been made following this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, community resiliency to earthquakes and other natural disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community including individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses and government; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue the important work of seismic safety preparation in part through its participation in the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities Initiative, and has hired a Chief Strategy and Resilience Officer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City encourages all businesses and residents to participate in the ShakeOut "Drop, Cover and Hold on" drill at 10:16 a.m.,

Thursday, October 16, 2014, to strengthen community and regional resiliency;
and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the week of October 12 through October 18 shall be a week of remembrance for the victims of Loma Prieta, acknowledging the urgency of seismic safety for Oakland, and taking steps to prepare for the likelihood of a major seismic event.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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