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City Attorney's Office

## 14 OCT -6 PM 3: 44 OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85187 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR JEAN QUAN

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 25<sup>TH</sup> 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,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES - 2 ABSENT -

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ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS

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