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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS  
LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY and DAN KALB

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**RESOLUTION HONORING THE SIERRA CLUB BAY CHAPTER ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY, AND RECOGNIZING THEIR REMARKABLE ADVOCACY TO PROTECT THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY, TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY, TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, TO REDUCE WASTE, AND TO PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES.**

**WHEREAS**, The San Francisco Bay Chapter is a local chapter of the Sierra Club, one of America's largest and most effective grassroots environmental organization; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty thousand members of the Sierra Club participate in the Bay Chapter from Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, The San Francisco Bay Chapter was founded in 1924 with five key subcommittees: Membership, Trails, Local Walks Schedule, Education, and Entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, The SF Bay Chapter was the very first Chapter of the Sierra Club, playing a crucial role in protecting open spaces that so many of us enjoy today; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout their ninety year history, the Chapter has promoted environmental stewardship and conservation projects, as well as coordinated outdoor wilderness trips for its many members and the broader community; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1920's, the San Francisco Bay Chapter was instrumental in preserving additional open space in the Sequoia National Park and Mount Tamalpais; and

**WHEREAS**, without the activism of the Sierra Club, Sequoia National Park, Mt. Tamalpais, Kings Canyon National Park, Point Reyes National Seashore, Redwood National Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Eastshore State Park, Pleasanton Ridge, the Presidio and many more public places beloved by hikers, bikers, and people from all walks of life would not exist as we know them today.

**WHEREAS**, in 1938, the San Francisco Bay Chapter published the first edition of the Yodeler, a newspaper to document environmental and preservation issues, which continues to be in publication today; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, the Chapter began Inner City Outings to bring youth from urban communities to experience wilderness, and this program spread to other chapters throughout the country and continues strongly today; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the Chapter played key role in shaping East Bay Municipal Utility District's Water Supply Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Northern Alameda County Group planted its 1,000<sup>th</sup> Tree in Oakland; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Oakland City Council honors the dedicated staff and volunteers of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club for 90 years of steadfast and successful advocacy on behalf of the environment and healthy communities in Oakland and throughout the Bay Area.

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:

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