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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.  
INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS BROOKS AND REID

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Resolution Commending Karen L. Harris For More Than 19  
Years Of Exemplary And Dedicated Service To The City Of Oakland And  
Congratulating Her On Her Retirement And Bidding Her Farewell

Whereas, Karen Lynnette Allen Harris was born and raised in Oakland, California, attending Stonehurst Elementary School, Elmhurst Junior High School, Castlemont High School, Merritt and Laney Colleges and graduating from Charles Harris Mason System of Bible Colleges, and;

Whereas, Karen Lynnette Harris worked as a Special Education Instructional Assistant for 19 years for the Oakland Unified School District and Lincoln Child Center, and worked as a Summer Youth Employment Counselor for the Oakland Unified School District and Scotlan Center, and;

Whereas, Karen Lynnette Harris, in 1997, began working for the Oakland Police Department as a Neighborhood Services Coordinator assigned to Community Policing Beats 27Y, 30X, 30Y, 32X and 35X with the task of organizing Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils, and;

Whereas, Karen Lynnette Harris, was assigned the task of opening the Elmhurst Resource Center at 10325 International Boulevard, which she staffed for 9 years with the assistance of volunteers, and;

Whereas, Karen Lynnette Harris, assisted Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils in the closing of Gold's Market at 82<sup>nd</sup> & Hillside, and Bancroft Liquors at 50<sup>th</sup> & Bancroft Avenue, and has attended numerous block parties and National Night Out events. She has participated in food giveaways, Christmas giveaways and school backpack giveaways. She also has prepared and delivered many lunches to homeless residents and people who were in need who visited the Resource Center; She worked with the Elmhurst Blight Committee to have No Parking of Commercial Vehicles signs installed along the Bancroft Corridor and on 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; she has worked with the Oakland Fire Department to ensure that residents have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in their homes, and;

Whereas, Karen Lynnette Harris was an active member of the Oakland Black Officers Association and has served as a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain for the past 25 years, now therefore be it:

RESOLVED: That, on behalf of the Oakland City Council, the undersigned, hereby commends Karen Lynnette Harris for her kind spirit, her faithfulness, and her dedication and commitment to serving the citizens of Oakland; and be it:

FURTHER RESOLVED: That, the City of Oakland, expresses our sincere gratitude to Karen Lynnette Harris for her 19 years of dedicated service to this city and its residents; upon your retirement we wish you nothing but the best in all of your future endeavors; and hereby declare that Tuesday, July 19, 2016, as:

“Karen Lynnette Harris Day”

In the city of Oakland, and do encourage all of its residents to acknowledge the day accordingly

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

LaTonda Simmons

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

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LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY  
President of the Council

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DESLEY BROOKS - COUNCILMEMBER

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ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON - COUNCILMEMBER

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NOEL GALLO - COUNCILMEMBER

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ABEL J. GUILLEN - COUNCILMEMBER

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DAN KALB - COUNCILMEMBER

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LARRY E. REID - PRESIDENT PRO TEM

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REBECCA KAPLAN- VICE MAYOR

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SABRINA LANDRETH - CITY ADMINISTRATOR

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A FULL, TRUE  
AND CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED BY  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND,  
CALIFORNIA ON DECEMBER 8, 2015

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