

Honoring

Karen Lynnette Harris

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;

Whereas, Karen L. 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;

Whereas, in 1997 Karen Lynnette Harris 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;

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

Whereas, she assisted Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils in the closing of Gold's Market at 82nd & Hillside, and Bancroft Liquors at 50th & Bancroft Avenue. She 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 73rd Avenue; she has worked with the Oakland Fire Department to ensure that residents have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in their homes;

Whereas, Karen L. 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 L. 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 L. 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.

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