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### OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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# INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABEL GUILLÉN AND VICE MAYOR ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 25, 2016 AS OAKLAND SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA WEEK

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra was founded in 1963 and has been providing world-class orchestral training to young musicians for over 53 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Orchestra offers orchestral experiences to the Bay Area's advanced music students and represents the point of destination for so many students in the Symphony's education programs; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Orchestra provides training to young musicians with a rigorous program of weekly rehearsals, extensive coaching with leading Bay Area professionals, and performance opportunities throughout the region and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Orchestra is recognized as an outstanding Bay Area music program receiving numerous awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers and presents several classical and youth outreach concerts each season; and

WHEREAS, consisting of nearly 90 talented music students, aged 12-22 years, from 46 schools and more than 30 cities in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Youth Orchestra is open by audition to all qualified young people from Bay Area schools and no musician is excluded for reasons of financial need; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Orchestra maintains a commitment to cultural exchange through international tours every three years and the touring destinations have included countries in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean Islands, Costa Rica, Mexico, Cuba, Australia and New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, no qualified musician is excluded because of financial need and financial assistance is available in the form of scholarship grants, deferred payment plans, or fund-raising opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Orchestra has helped thousands of young musicians discover their passion for music through educational programs, cultural exchanges, and performance opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the musicianship and commitment to artistic excellence of these talented musicians will resonate to all those who hear them and is a source of pride in Oakland; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland hereby proclaims October 18 - October 25, 2016 as Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra Week; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland will work to support the initiatives of the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra and will encourage residents of Oakland to participate in and support Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra Week activities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, 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