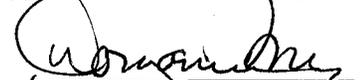


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AXIS DANCE
COMPANY FOR 30 YEARS OF INCREDIBLE SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND RESIDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company, based at the Malonga Casquelourd Center in Oakland, celebrates 30 years of changing the face of dance and disability through Artistry, Engagement and Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company was one of the first contemporary dance companies in the world to create a company based on the integration of dancers with and without physical disabilities as equals; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company is Oakland Proud! and represents the best of Oakland's creativity, innovation and inclusiveness. AXIS inspires us to achieve our true potential and spreads the positive reputation of the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company attracts and commissions world-renowned choreographers, composers and designers to create award-winning dance works that they perform for Oakland audiences annually at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts and tour throughout the USA and abroad; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company's Engagement programs provide dance experiences for people of all ages and abilities, encouraging us to look at differences as opportunities for creative ideas and solutions, rather than as obstacles; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company's innovative ensemble of performers, teachers and staff with and without disabilities evidence a form of equality and diversity that is rarely seen or even imagined in our society. They empower youth and adults by providing inspiring role models who do what they love – no matter what; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company represented the vibrancy and diversity of the City of Oakland’s creative community through their two appearances on the nationally televised FOX reality show So You Think You Can Dance; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company is the nation’s leading physically integrated dance company and has made Oakland an internationally-recognized center and a destination for professional training in physically integrated dance; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company is the acknowledged leader in advancing equity for people with disabilities in dance as illustrated by their hosting of the first-ever National and Regional convening on the Future of Physically Integrated Dance in the USA and their role in creating the first Dance and Disability Affinity Group in partnership with Dance/USA; and

WHEREAS, AXIS Dance Company has broken new ground in and contributed greatly to the cannon of contemporary dance and disability culture and is a jewel of both. AXIS has made an indelible impact on dance, disability and the City of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland hereby commends AXIS Dance Company on their 30th Anniversary and thanks them for their contributions to the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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