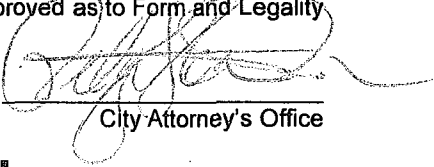


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEM ABEL GUILLEN

RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH HONORING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS WHOSE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP IN OAKLAND CONTRIBUTE TO THE CITY'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND ITS SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made essential and enduring contributions to the history of Oakland, California and the nation, helping to build, defend, and strengthen our nation – as farmworkers and railroad laborers, entrepreneurs and scientists, soldiers, and community activists and leaders of government; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our country's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, anti-miscegenation laws, and Japanese-American internment; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate and advance innovative knowledge, economic growth and unique cultural vitality in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, medicine, science, education, government, law, humanities, sports and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Oakland is home to nearly 70,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in California; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans comprise more than 17 percent of Oakland's population and represent diverse ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Taiwanese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo Jiman, Guamanian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Thai, Tongan, and other Pacific Islander; and

WHEREAS, California's Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses at the leading edge of their industries nationally and globally, and own many businesses in Oakland's diverse neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and the State of California officially designate May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month"; and

WHEREAS, District 1 is honoring community organizer and nonprofit leader Megan Low. Megan is a second generation Chinese-American and District 1 resident, raising her kids blocks from where her father grew up. A former middle school teacher and college faculty member, Megan is currently the Executive Director of Arts for Oakland Kids, a nonprofit that funds arts education programs in under-resourced Oakland public schools. Megan has deep roots in North Oakland, where her grandparents operated a small corner store in the 1950s. Since 2013, Megan has been working with the Santa Fe CAN neighborhood association, for which she is a board member and the Education Committee Chair. She has been a leader in the community campaign to reopen the Santa Fe Elementary School. Inspired by the tireless immigrant work ethic of her grandparents, Megan is dedicated to providing equitable learning opportunities for all Oakland kids; and

WHEREAS, District 2 is honoring Rabbi Jacqueline (Jackie) Mates-Muchin. Rabbi Muchin was born in 1974 to a Chinese-American mother and an Austrian Jewish father and upon her ordination in 2002 by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City became the first Chinese-American Rabbi in the world. In 2005, Rabbi Jackie became the Associate Rabbi for Temple Sinai in Oakland and became its first female Senior Rabbi in 2015. Rabbi Jackie has served as a leader in the broader Oakland community through her service as the President of the East Bay Council of Rabbis, her volunteer work as Chaplain for the Oakland Fire Department, and her role on the boards of Jewish Family and Children's Services and Shalom Bayit (a domestic abuse help center). She has forged friendships with leaders from churches and mosques in Oakland and the greater Bay Area and spoken publicly on topics related to diversity, inclusivity, and the changing face of Judaism in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, District 3 is honoring Jean Quan for her dedicated service to the City of Oakland. Ms. Quan served for many years on the Oakland School Board and was a strong advocate for students in her leadership to create a Citywide parent organization 'Save Our Schools'. Ms. Quan also served as the City Council member for Oakland's 4th District beginning in 2002 and was elected as Oakland's first female mayor in 2011. Throughout her tenure in Oakland, Ms. Quan fought tirelessly to better fund the libraries, increase funding for arts organizations, and improve public safety among valuable contribution to many other policy areas. We also honor her work before holding public office as an activist for worker rights and for recognition of the importance of scholarship about Asian American history in the University of California; and

WHEREAS, District 4 is honoring Lynette Jung Lee, who has left a lasting mark on the landscape of Oakland and the East Bay. Lynette spent 33 years with the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC), the last 27 as Executive Director. Under Lynette's dynamic leadership EBALDC grew from a staff of two to ninety. As of early 2017, EBALDC developed and preserved over 2,200 affordable homes, and more than 300,000 square feet of space for nonprofit organizations and community serving businesses. After a much deserved retirement, Lynette has stayed incredibly busy, helping to establish Diversity in Health Training Institute, a nonprofit focusing on helping immigrants and refugees with medical backgrounds to re-enter the medical field. Lynette currently serves on the boards of Gum Moon/Asian Women's Resource Center, and The Center for Leadership Innovation. Lynette is also a commissioner with the Oakland Housing Authority, a Steering Committee member of Renewed Hope Housing Associates, treasurer of the California Nevada Conference of United Methodist Women and co-chair of the Buena Vista United Methodist Women. Lynette's is also loving spending time with her family and most notably her adorable Grandson Kai; and

WHEREAS, District 5 is honoring Bill Hoi Liang Phua. Bill fell in love with Oakland and in 1989 bought his first home on 33rd Ave in the Fruitvale District. Bill Phua received a MBA from San Francisco State University in 1991. Bill has always been fascination with the availability of real estate opportunities in Oakland. He considers Oakland as the, "heart of the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, District 6 is honoring Dr. Renato Almanzor, the Executive Director of East Oakland Building Healthy Communities – a place-based initiative that targets the nexus of community, health and poverty to advance a social justice movement. Renato's experience emerges from over 25 years developing leaders committed to equitable communities, multicultural organizations, and social justice. He also teaches or has taught at Humboldt State University, California State University East Bay, University of San Francisco, Alliant International University and Argosy University; and

WHEREAS, District 7 is honoring Father Jayson Jerome Landeza, currently the Pastor of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Oakland. His parents, natives of Hawaii, reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Islands, and Jayson is Filipino, Chinese, Hawaiian, Irish, Spanish and Chamorro by ancestry. Jayson is currently a member of the clergy caucus of Oakland Community Organizations; the Pastors of Oakland, an interfaith group of Oakland flatland clergy; the Advisory Board of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. He is also a member of the Diocese of Oakland's Presbyterian (Priests') Council. He served on the Board of Directors of the Oakland Military Institute. Jayson serves as a chaplain for the following departments and agencies: Oakland Fire Department; Oakland Police Department; Alameda County Sheriff's Office; Bay Area Rapid Transit Police Department, San Leandro Police Department; Public Safety Division of the East Bay Regional Park District; U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, San Francisco Field Division; U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Francisco Division. Jayson also serves as chaplain to St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley, and assists at Holy Names High School in Oakland, as well as an occasional priest-presider at Bishop O'Dowd High School and Saint Elizabeth High School in Oakland and Carondelet High

School in Concord. Jayson is also a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College High School, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, At-Large District is honoring the Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce. Established in 1991, the Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce represents close to one hundred small businesses in the City of Oakland, and provides resources and assistance to its members on professional and business development. The mission is to raise public awareness on the role Vietnamese small businesses play in the local economy and cultural preservation and to advocate for strong, mutually respectful communication between city governments and its diverse business community. The Vietnamese Chamber also prides itself in fostering genuine relationships with other fellow Chambers of Commerce recognizing the power of diversity and unity. Recently, the Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce has demonstrated bold leadership by mobilizing support around progressive API and women candidates-- in the Bay Area and throughout California-- who stand for tolerance, human rights, and justice; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Libby Schaaf is honoring Joanna Kim-Selby, President and Executive Director of the East Bay Korean-American Senior Center. Joanna is over eighty years old and is a volunteer for the job. She coordinates programs and bilingual services to help newly arrived Koreans adjust to life in the United States. The center was established in 1980 and for over twenty years, Joanna has been a champion advocate for seniors having been a delegate to the last two White House Conferences on Aging. In 2005 she represented the California Commission on Aging. Currently she serves on the Board of Directors of the Congress of California Seniors. Her accomplishments as a member of the California Senior Legislature are numerous. As only one example, she recognized the need for the CSL to advocate for requiring installation of grab bars in hotel and motel bathrooms and brought this before her colleagues. AB2536 became Executive Order, effective in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month offers Oakland residents an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and contributions to our community, and recognizes May 2018 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

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