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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR ANNIE CAMPBELL
WASHINGTON

HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF MARK HOFFMANN FOR 38 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Chief Hoffmann was born and raised in the City of Oakland. Chief Hoffmann attended Cleveland Elementary, McChesney Junior High School (now Edna Brewer Middle School), and Oakland High School where he was on Varsity Football and Wrestling teams. After graduation from Oakland High, Chief Hoffmann attended Laney College and then the University of California (UC), Berkeley, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree and played Football and Rugby. While at UC Berkeley, he met his wife Jackie; and

WHEREAS, Since 1980, Chief Hoffmann has served the City of Oakland, starting his career as a Firefighter. His first assignment was at Engine 9 (Station 9), where he was the "steady cook". After Station 9 was later closed due to budget cuts, Chief Hoffmann was then assigned to Station 3; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hoffmann, then Lieutenant, was the first officer on scene at the Cypress Structure collapse. As a result of this experience, Chief Hoffmann later became involved in urban search and rescue, and has gained national recognition for his experience and leadership in the field; and

WHEREAS, During the Oakland Hills Fire in 1991, Lieutenant Hoffmann led many OFD companies, as well as several Mutual Aid companies in the area of Holy Names High School; and

WHEREAS, For several years Chief Hoffmann oversaw the Communities of Oakland Responding to Emergencies group (CORE). In addition, he served as Chair of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 55 Advisory Board, and as a member of the IAFF, Local 55 Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hoffmann was then promoted to the rank of Captain, and was initially assigned to Station 23. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Hoffmann was deployed to New York City with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sponsored Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team, California Task Force 4 (CA-TF4) to work at the site of the World Trade Center. During his deployment, Chief Hoffmann served as Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hoffmann was promoted to Battalion Chief, and became the Program Manager for CA-TF4. Chief Hoffmann served as Task Force Leader, when the team was sent to Biloxi Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hoffmann also participated in several Recruit Academies during his career, first as a member of the training cadre and later he would become the Director of OFD training; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hoffmann was promoted to Deputy Chief, overseeing Operations in 2009. From 2011-2012, he was named Interim Fire Chief. During his tenure, he led the Department during the Occupy Oakland protests; and

RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of Oakland hereby expresses appreciation and admiration for Chief Hoffmann's work and service to the people of the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California