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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS  
AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN

## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA AND CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, in 1969 the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) opened its doors as a "Museum of the People," through art, history, and natural sciences, focused in California, as a culture of radical social transformation was radiating out of the Bay Area, much of it centered in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, OMCA's exhibitions and programs seek to inspire our communities to think critically in order to create a more vibrant future for all Californians; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, OMCA also celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its beloved *Días de los Muertos* community festival and exhibition, and with a new exhibition titled *¡El Movimiento Vivo! Chicano Roots of Days of the Dead*, which highlights the Chicano activists who introduced the *Días de los Muertos* traditions to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, OMCA created, *Black Power*, a new permanent installation highlighting California's roots in championing the Black Power movement following a very successful exhibition titled *All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50*, reflecting on the founding of the Black Panther Party in Oakland in 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, OMCA presented, *Queer California: Untold Stories*, a major exhibition exploring California's LGBTQ+ history and culture, including powerful examples of social activism through contemporary artwork and historical materials; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, OMCA will showcase an exhibition exploring feminism and the radical women in California who have kept it alive, exploring what it means to be a woman and a feminist in this present moment; and

**WHEREAS**, OMCA brings together thousands of visitors from all backgrounds, ethnicities, ages, and genders in celebration of creativity, community, and connection at its Friday Nights weekly community events; and

**WHEREAS**, OMCA invites thousands of school children and other visitors to its multi-disciplinary collections of art, history, and natural science with interactive exhibits

and first-person accounts and often untold narratives of California, all within its seven-acre campus; and

**WHEREAS**, OMCA continues to create a space where voices are heard, visitors feel welcome, and topics of relevance are presented, focusing on five core themes: belonging, well-being, imagining, creating, and taking action-in this anniversary year, it aims to provoke, inspire, and delight. Now; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oakland Museum of California and looks forward to collaborating with and supporting its mission for many years to come.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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