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City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87886 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS  
AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN

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### 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**, Oakland Museum of California 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, Oakland Museum of California 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, Oakland Museum of California 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, Oakland Museum of California 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, Oakland Museum of California 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**, Oakland Museum of California 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**, Oakland Museum of California 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**, Oakland Museum of California 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,

**OCT 0 1 2019**

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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PRESIDENT KAPLAN - 7

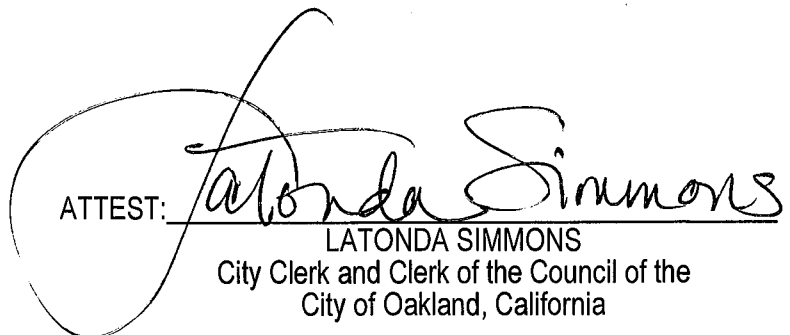
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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ATTEST:

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