



## Legislation Text

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**Subject:** Mary Marx

**From:** Vice Mayor Nadel

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution honoring in appreciation of Mary Marx, Executive Director, Museum of Children's' Art

WHEREAS, Mary Marx founded the Museum of Children's Art (MOCHA) in 1988 and since then the organization has grown to serve over 18,000 children annually through its education, community, and on-site programs; and

WHEREAS, the mission of MOCHA, created under Mary Marx's leadership, is to ensure that the arts are a fundamental part of the lives of all children; and

WHEREAS, Mary Marx's advocacy has resulted in the creation and implementation of quality and developmentally appropriate arts education programs throughout the City of Oakland in its schools, community centers and in its studios and galleries; and

WHEREAS, Mary Marx led a capital campaign to permanently house MOCHA in the historic Swan's Marketplace in Old Oakland, where gallery space and art classes enhance the quality of life for Oakland children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Mary Marx was visionary in her ability to bring together the best of arts, arts education, and youth development practices and under her leadership MOCHA has become a leader in arts and art education in the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, after fourteen years of service as MOCHA's leader and a leader in the art community of this city, Mary Marx will leave the organization to relocate to Florida; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the City of Oakland commends Mary Marx for her fourteen years of work dedicated to providing a place where Oakland children can express and develop their creativity; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, in recognition of the outstanding contribution by Mary Marx to the children of Oakland, the City Council hereby declares July 15 to be Mary Marx Day in the City of Oakland, and encourages the people of Oakland to take time during this day and throughout the year to help children incorporate art into their lives.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE,

NOES-

ABSENT- Item

ORA/Council  
ABSTENTION- July 15, 2003