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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROWENA BROWN

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**RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF MAY 2026 AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CREATING HEALTHY, SAFE, AND ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES**

**WHEREAS**, quality affordable homes are vital to healthy, safe, and racially just communities; and

**WHEREAS**, East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) is a coalition of local organizations working to produce, preserve, and protect affordable housing, and has organized celebrations of Affordable Housing in May for the past several decades; the City is proud to join with EBHO and other local housing organizations acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable homes; proudly continues to champion affordable housing in the East Bay, fostering a racially and economically just community for all; and

**WHEREAS**, even before current high inflation rates, increasing housing costs led longtime residents to be displaced, live in overcrowded homes, or experience homelessness, threatening our region's racial diversity and economic opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, stable, affordable homes are the solution to homelessness, and support seniors, families, youth, veterans, immigrants, people with disabilities, and our whole community; and

**WHEREAS**, for two years in a row both the President and the Governor of California have proposed budgets that dramatically cut funding for affordable housing, which, if actualized, would reduce federal affordable housing assistance by 44%; and

**WHEREAS**, across California, there is an overwhelming need for affordable homes that lack the financing to begin construction and development; and

**WHEREAS**, a \$10 billion statewide bond has been proposed to fund the construction of these affordable homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of local governments and regional bodies has never been so critical in maintaining support for producing, preserving, and protecting affordable housing opportunities for low-income communities;

**WHEREAS**, our housing affordability crisis is a regional issue requiring regional solutions and cooperation between local jurisdictions, such as through the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, May is recognized as Affordable Housing Month across the Bay Area in joint acknowledgement of the coordinated, regional work necessary to ensure that everyone has an affordable and stable home; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims May 2026 as Affordable Housing Month in Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council will work to support affordable and stable housing at the local, regional, state, and federal levels.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND  
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California