



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JANANI RAMACHANDRAN

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 20, 2026, AS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly established the International Day of Happiness in 2012 to recognize happiness and well-being as universal goals and aspirations in the lives of human beings around the world; and

WHEREAS, strong communities are built not only through economic development, but also through access to safe housing, public health, education, parks and open space, transportation, and opportunities for meaningful connection; and

WHEREAS, fostering kindness, compassion, and civic engagement strengthens neighborhoods, supports families, and contributes to a thriving and resilient local economy; and

WHEREAS, public institutions, community organizations, faith communities, schools, and volunteers play a vital role in improving quality of life and promoting mental, emotional, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognizes that policies and partnerships that reduce isolation, promote equity, and expand opportunity help create a healthier and happier community for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, access to stable housing, neighborhood safety, and reliable public services are essential foundations for personal dignity, public health, and community stability; and

WHEREAS, supporting youth development programs, mentorship opportunities, and safe spaces for young people helps foster hope, achievement, and long-term community success; and

WHEREAS, seniors, persons with disabilities, working families, and vulnerable residents benefit from social connection, accessible services, and community-based support systems that reduce loneliness and improve quality of life; and

WHEREAS, small businesses, workers, and local commercial corridors contribute to economic vitality, neighborhood identity, and community pride; and

WHEREAS, acts of volunteerism, mutual aid, and neighbor-to-neighbor care during times of challenge and recovery continue to demonstrate the compassion and resilience of our residents and align with our motto; and

WHEREAS, mental health awareness, wellness, and access to supportive services are essential to a safe, equitable, and thriving community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland hereby recognizes March 20, 2026, as the International Day of Happiness in the City of and encourages all residents to perform acts of kindness, strengthen community connections, and support efforts that enhance the well-being and dignity of every person; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That we recommit ourselves to building a community where all people have the opportunity to live safely, participate fully, and thrive; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City encourages residents, community organizations, schools, businesses, and public agencies to promote volunteerism, civic engagement, and activities that foster belonging, respect, and shared responsibility for the well-being of our neighborhoods.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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

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