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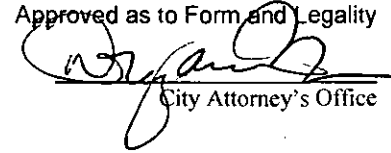
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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney's Office

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CLAREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR SERVING THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY AND MANY STUDENTS FOR THE LAST 100 YEARS

WHEREAS, Claremont Middle School had a magnificent Centennial Celebration on June 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the original Claremont Middle School, a beautiful Mediterranean-Moorish-styled school designed by John Donovan and completed in 1913, was torn down in 1976 and the only remainder of the 1913 building is the Historic Gate, now placed at Birch Court and College Avenue.

WHEREAS, the Claremont Middle School draws a diverse set of students from throughout Oakland and has the mission and commitment to serve every child—from Special Education to Gifted and Talented, from lower income to wealthy, from athlete to artist, from all backgrounds; and Claremont Middle School students learn to understand how we are different and similar, and they learn to live and work together to build a tolerant, respectful, and anti-racist community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to fundamental education in the mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies curricula, Claremont Middle School provides professional digital media training in a state-of-the-art computer lab, an exceptional music program, outdoor education field trips, an active sports and physical education program and a multifaceted after-school program that is free for all students; and

WHEREAS, under the dynamic leadership of twin brother co-Principals, Reginald Richardson and Ronald Richardson, the school consistently strives for academic success and improvement, creates a safe environment of mutual respect and supports and fosters positive relationship-building, high morals and a strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, a Claremont Knight is Compassionate, Mindful, and Safe, and

WHEREAS, Claremont Middle School is a community that supports and partners with families and communities, and Claremont Middle School has an active PTA and School Site Council, an exemplary English Learner's Advisory Committee, a Dad's Club, a strong Special Needs Program, and a highly competitive Math Counts Club, and other support groups; and

WHEREAS, Claremont Middle School serves over 400 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders from diverse communities in Oakland and District officials continue to be proud with the successes at Claremont and their commitment to quality education and the desire to inspire and change lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this Council joins with faculty, staff, the Oakland Unified School District, parents and students in recognizing Claremont Middle School, one of the oldest schools in the Bay Area, for its many years of committed service to children and families in our community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council, in recognition of Claremont Middle School's commitment to academic achievement, hereby declares **June 6, 2013** as:

"Claremont Middle School Day"

in the city of Oakland, and does encourage all of its residents to acknowledge the day accordingly.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2013

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

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