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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Darryl Moore, District 2
Subject: Celebrating the 22nd Anniversary of the City of Berkeley's Domestic Partnership Registry and Declaring October 11th Marriage Equality Day

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt a resolution celebrating the 22nd anniversary of the City of Berkeley's Domestic Partnership Registry and declaring October 11th Marriage Equality Day in the City of Berkeley.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Unified School District and the City of Berkeley were the world's first government entities to pass Domestic Partnerships benefits for their employees in August and December of 1984, respectively. This was the first time in world history same sex couples were granted any of the Rights of Marriage. On October 11th, 1991 the City of Berkeley initiated its own Domestic Partnership Registry affording all couples a place to have their relationships recognized by a government entity.

Those rights were incomplete but started a movement towards marriage equality which is now a reality for all Californians and a reality in many countries around the world.

In the year 2000 the State of California created its own Domestic Partnership Registry. In 2005 the State of California granted Registered Domestic Partnership all of the Rights of Marriage which a state was empowered to grant. In June of 2013 the United States Supreme Court allowed same sex marriages to be reinstated in the State of California and declared that all legal same sex marriages in the United States will be recognized by the Federal Government of the United States. To celebrate marriage equality being achieved in the State of California and the City of Berkeley's Domestic Partnership Registry that started the movement, the Berkeley City Council shall adopt a resolution declaring October 11th Marriage Equality Day in the City of Berkeley.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

Celebrating the 22nd Anniversary of Berkeley's Domestic Partnership Registry and to
Declare Marriage Equality Day

WHEREAS, The Berkeley Unified School District and the City of Berkeley were the world's first government entities to pass Domestic Partnerships benefits for their employees in August and December of 1984, respectively, which was the first time in world history same sex couples were granted any of the Rights of Marriage; and

WHEREAS, On October 11th, 1991 the City of Berkeley initiated its own Domestic Partnership Registry affording all couples a place to have their relationships recognized by a government entity; and

WHEREAS, while those rights were incomplete, they started a movement towards marriage equality which is now a reality for all Californians and a reality in many countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000 the State of California created its own Domestic Partnership Registry and in 2005 the State granted Registered Domestic Partnership all of the Rights of Marriage which a state was empowered to grant; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2013 the United States Supreme Court allowed same sex-marriages to be reinstated in the State of California and declared that all legal same sex marriages in the United States will be recognized by the Federal Government of the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley celebrates marriage equality being achieved in the State of California and the 22nd anniversary of the City of Berkeley's Domestic Partnership Registry that started the movement, October 11th shall be declared Marriage Equality Day in the City of Berkeley.