

RESOLUTION NO. 111-14

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE THE CITY OF RICHMOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY COMMUNITY EVENT AND TO MOVE FUNDING FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE BUDGET TO THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET

WHEREAS, International Women's Month is celebrated annually to honor the substantial and significant contributions women have made throughout history to further the well-being of people all over the world; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of International Women's Day and in celebration of the efforts and contributions of women in the Richmond community in 2008, Mayor McLaughlin committed Mayor's Office budget funding to support a local celebratory and educational community event; and

WHEREAS, Mayor's Office staff facilitated a process in which numerous local organizations and individual community members were invited to work in partnership to form a planning group and to produce Richmond's first International Women's Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, the first International Women's Day event - now commonly known as Sisters in Solidarity - was a huge success and has become a much anticipated annual signature event for the past seven years; and

WHEREAS this volunteer driven effort draws a diverse group of more than 300 attendees -including women, men and children - who network, join round-table discussions with co-sponsoring organizations, enjoy performances by local women artists of varying ages; and listen to the carefully selected inspiring keynote speaker; and

WHEREAS, Richmond is fortunate to be home to over 50,000 women of diverse ages, races and ethnicities, class and orientation, each of whom contributes her unique gifts, talents and skills to our community; and

WHEREAS the overwhelmingly positive response to the International Women's' Day event has consistently demonstrated that community members and visitors alike, greatly value the opportunity to come together and celebrate women's lives and contributions in Richmond.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond demonstrates its commitment to this ongoing tradition started in 2008 by continuing to fund this annual event in the amount of \$8,000.00 dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funding is moved out of the Mayor's Office budget where it has been managed, to the City Council Office budget where it can be used to continue to fund the annual International Women's Day community event.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on December 16, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Boozé.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 111-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on December 16, 2014.