

CITY OF OAKLAND



Mayor's Proclamation



IN MEMORY OF

The Innocent Children of Jonestown

Whereas, on November 18, 1978, in the jungles of South America, cult leader Jim Jones ordered the assassination of Congressman Leo Ryan and his news crew, and the deaths of over 900 people; and

Whereas, these were American citizens who perished in the Jonestown, Guyana Massacre. It was the largest non-natural disaster loss of civilian life until 9/11; and

Whereas, 305 innocent children died in Jonestown, Guyana; and

Whereas, 40 of those children were infants; and

Whereas, for the last 38 years, Dr. Jynona Norwood and her ministry have organized and sponsored the Official Jonestown Memorial Ceremony to ensure the memory and lessons of those lost in this tragedy are honored, not those responsible; and

Now, therefore, the City of Oakland joins with community organizations around the world to recognize and honor the family, friends and community of

The Innocent Children of Jonestown



LIBBY SCHAAF, MAYOR, CITY OF OAKLAND

