

Proclamation

25th Anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake

WHEREAS, on October 17, 1989, at 5:04 p.m. a magnitude 6.9 earthquake severely shook the San Francisco and Monterey Bay regions and lasted for about 15 seconds; and

WHEREAS, the epicenter was on the San Andreas Fault located near Loma Prieta peak in the Santa Cruz Mountains, approximately 9 miles northeast of Santa Cruz and 60 mi south-southeast of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Loma Prieta earthquake was a major earthquake that resulted in 63 deaths, 3,757 injuries, and an estimated \$6-10 billion in property loss. It was the largest earthquake to occur on the San Andreas Fault since the great San Francisco earthquake in 1906; and

WHEREAS; the most severe property damage occurred in Oakland and San Francisco where 18,306 houses were damaged, 963 were destroyed and 2,575 businesses were damaged and another 147 were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the most notable damage included the collapse of the elevated Cypress Structure section of Interstate 880 in Oakland, the collapse of a section of roadbed on the Bay Bridge, and extensive damage to downtown Santa Cruz and San Francisco's Marina District; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake struck just before the start of the third game of the 1989 World Series being played in San Francisco's Candlestick Park between two Bay Area baseball teams, the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics. The baseball championship, which was suspended for 10 days, would come to be known as the "Earthquake Series."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Randy Pope, Mayor of the City of Oakley, do hereby acknowledge the 25th anniversary of the largest earthquake to occur in the Bay Area since 1906 and remember those who lost their lives, honor those who came to aide, and encourage everyone to learn how to prepare for the next major earthquake that could occur in our beloved San Francisco Bay Area.

Randy Pope, Mayor