

CITY OF OAKLAND

Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, having a job is a valuable part of a teenager's development, teaching accountability and teamwork as well as building basic skills that will be of great benefit long into the future; and

WHEREAS, every year teens enter the summer workforce, but are unaware of potential job hazards, the need for work permits, and protective labor law requirements, resulting in approximately 100,000 teenagers who are seriously injured on the job; and

WHEREAS, the California Partnership for Young Workers' Health and Safety, representing government agencies, parent groups, teachers, and corporate employers is encouraging the community to learn more about the importance of teen safety at work; and

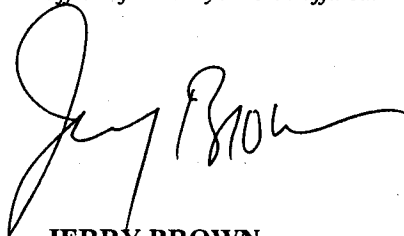
WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and its corporate partners recognize the critical experience gained from teenager summer jobs and are fully committed to ensuring that the experience is not only full of activities that build skill and confidence, but are also safe and guided; now

THEREFORE, I, Jerry Brown, Mayor of the City of Oakland, do hereby declare the need for continued awareness of the health and welfare issues of teen employment, proclaiming May 2005 as

SAFE JOBS FOR YOUTH MONTH

in the City of Oakland and encourage its recognition by all its citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Office of the Mayor to be affixed.



**JERRY BROWN
MAYOR**

