



### GENE LAVON SMITH

**WHEREAS,** Gene Lavon Smith began his service to the City of Berkeley as one of the first African-American firefighters on July 1, 1968; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighter Smith was promoted to Lieutenant on January 4, 1981; and

**WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Smith served in the 1991 Tunnel Fire that devastated Berkeley and Oakland; and

**WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Smith served the City of Berkeley for 32 years at fire stations 3, 5, 6, and 7 until his retirement in the year 2000.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim** February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as

### GENE LAVON SMITH DAY

in the City of Berkeley.



Jesse Arreguin  
Mayor

February 15, 2020