

1 **CITY OF ALBANY**
2 **PROCLAMATION**
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4 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong announced, at 6 years of age, that she was going to be
5 an architect; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong graduated from Smith College with a major in
7 architecture in 1946; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong spoke to the Dean of the MIT School of Architecture
9 who indicated that their program was not an appropriate course of study for women; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong, tenacious to her dream, sought admission to the
11 Boston Architectural Center (now known as the Boston Architectural College “BAC”);
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13 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong passed the entrance examination, was warmly
14 welcomed, and was the first women to complete a five-year architectural curriculum at
15 BAC; and

16 **WHEREAS**, BAC believes that Ruth Ganong’s persistence and diligence helped
17 pave the way for gender equality and serves as a model for students with ambition to be
18 important designers and innovators of the future; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong brought to Albany a passion fueled by her education
20 at Smith and BAC to make a difference in her community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong successfully sought election and devoted 24 years to
22 various offices, including the Albany School Board, Albany City Council, and the AC
23 Transit Authority; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong continues to volunteer her time to various
25 commissions, committees and non-profit organizations in the region; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Ruth Ganong credits her education at BAC for helping to give her
27 the analytical skills and discipline to succeed in any attempted endeavor.
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