

1 **CITY OF ALBANY**
2 **PROCLAMATION**

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4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Fred Korematsu was arrested near his San Leandro home in
5 1942 for refusing to go to a camp with the rest of his family; and

6 **WHEREAS**, during his imprisonment Mr. Korematsu endured squalid prison
7 cells and transfers to different camps until the end of the war; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Korematsu lost his legal challenge to his confinement before
9 the U.S. Supreme Court in 1944 but he never gave up on trying to right the wrong done
10 to him; and

11 **WHEREAS**, during this time Mr. Korematsu found it extremely hard to make a
12 living as a welder and draftsman with a “disloyalty” conviction on his record; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1983 things changed for Mr. Korematsu when he finally won his
14 exoneration when a federal judge in San Francisco overturned the conviction for resisting
15 internment; and

16 **WHEREAS**, this victory paved the way for an official apology in 1988 from the
17 U.S. government to internees and checks of \$20,000 were issued to each camp survivor;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, President Clinton awarded the Presidential Medal of
20 Freedom to Mr. Korematsu.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Farid Javandel hereby
22 join with other California cities in honoring Fred Korematsu on January 30th of each year
23 with other civil rights leaders.

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26 Farid Javandel
27 Mayor
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