

# *City of Albany* *Proclamation*

## **IN HONOR OF ALBANY PRESCHOOL'S 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 75 YEARS POWERED BY PLAY**

**WHEREAS**, Albany Preschool is a place where kids play, learn and love school. Parents and teachers work together to create a nurturing community of life-long learners and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Albany Preschool was established in 1937, during the Depression with funds from the Works Progress Administration (WPA), enrolled 15 children when the program began, and the preschool moved to its current building on Masonic Avenue due to a quick increase in attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, the committed teachers have decades of experience nurturing children and their families, including the current teachers and directors Tara Gray, Susy Bernos, Cindy Lee, and Nighat Nasim who continue to be a source of guidance, comfort, and love; and

**WHEREAS**, while years have passed since the school's start in 1937, the preschool's cooperative spirit, strong sense of community, and commitment to play remain the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the preschool has depended on staying true to the values of cooperation, community and commitment to play; and

**WHEREAS**, the preschool depends on 100% participation from families to help run, lead, and grow the school, investing time and resources to foster early childhood education and life-long learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Albany Preschool is deserving of special recognition for its continued service to generations of preschoolers and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council wishes to honor Albany Preschool's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and associated celebration scheduled for Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the preschool.

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*Farid Javandel, Mayor*