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A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL WELCOMING REFUGEES FROM SYRIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, there are more refugees in the world today than at any time since World War II, including Syrians who have fled since conflict began in Syria in 2011; and

WHEREAS, refugees are making life and death decisions to seek safety by fleeing countries that are being threatened by civil conflicts; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2017, the Albany City Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-09, establishing the City of Albany as a Sanctuary City; and

WHEREAS, as a Sanctuary City, the City of Albany reaffirms that it is a community that celebrates diversity and prides itself on being a place which welcomes persons and families of all backgrounds and nationalities, and is committed to recognizing the dignity and civil rights of all community members; and

WHEREAS, welcoming refugees who are fleeing violence further demonstrates the City of Albany's commitment to serve as a Sanctuary City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby welcomes those who seek refuge in our community, and petition our local, state and federal governments in efforts to provide sanctuary and humanitarian aid for those in dire need in times of crisis.

PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 15th day of May, 2017, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Mass, Nason, Pilch and Mayor McQuaid

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

16th day of May, 2017.

Eileen Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK