

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN HONOR OF THE ALBANY POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Albany Police Activities League (APAL) was founded in 1997 at the request of community members expressing the desire to provide positive activities for Albany youth; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that a collaboration of the police department and other agencies within the City would be necessary to establish a successful PAL program; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police serves as APAL Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the first Board of Directors meeting was held in April 1997 with Albany Police Department staff serving as ex officio members; and

WHEREAS, APAL began by providing flag football and girls basketball programs and partnered with other community organizations such as the Albany School District, UC Village, the Albany YMCA and the City of Albany Recreation Department to provide additional youth programs; and

WHEREAS, during the last twenty years APAL has offered numerous experiences to the youth of our community, including: wrestling for elementary and middle school students, basketball, indoor rock climbing, sailing, kayaking, dragon boating, snow play days, Youth Directors Council, Aikido, theme park days, and the Albany Police Youth Academy; and

WHEREAS, APAL has supported the young women of Albany by offering programs to empower, promote self-expression, teach life skills and self-defense, and encourage positive self-image and esteem; and

WHEREAS, APAL provides an annual scholarship award to a graduating senior who has demonstrated leadership, good character, participation in clubs or organizations and community service; and

WHEREAS, APAL co-sponsors an annual bicycle rodeo to teach basic skills and the rules of the road, as well as encourage youth riders to always wear helmets; and

WHEREAS, APAL has supported numerous other youth community engagement activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Albany City Council congratulates the Albany Police Activities for 20 years of service to the youth of our community.

Peggy McQuaid, Mayor