

City of Albany
Proclamation

DESIGNATING DECEMBER 2018 AS HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the member states of the United Nations signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and countries of different political, economic and social systems unanimously agreed on the fundamental rights that all people share solely on the basis of their common humanity; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights asserts recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, disregard for human rights has resulted in acts which have offended the conscience of humankind, and where the advent of the world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear has been proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the highest aspiration of the common people; and

WHEREAS, the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration is referred to as the primary definition of human rights standards and is increasingly referred to as customary international law, by which all countries should abide; and

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility to promote respect for these rights and freedoms lies with each individual, and each of us can play a major role in enhancing human rights; and

WHEREAS, the people of Albany reaffirm their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of the City of Albany does hereby proclaim December 10, 2018 as Human Rights Day and December as Human Rights Month in the City of Albany, and we encourage all residents to study and promote the ideas contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the end that freedom, justice, and equality will flourish and be made available to all.

Peggy McQuaid, Mayor

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