

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIBETAN NATIONAL UPRISING

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2019, Californians, including Tibetan Americans, residing in Albany and surrounding regions will gather to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has a diverse ethnic population, including Tibetan Americans, who are concerned about human rights and freedom in the U.S. and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2007, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and religious understanding; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 International Religious Freedom Report for China published by the Department of State stated, “In the [Tibet Autonomous Region] and other Tibetan areas, authorities engaged in widespread interference in religious practices, especially in Tibetan Buddhist monasteries and nunneries.”; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for China published by the Department of State stated, “Under the professed objectives of controlling border areas, maintaining social stability, combating separatism, and extracting natural resources, the government engaged in the severe repression of Tibet’s unique religious, cultural, and linguistic heritage by, among other means, strictly curtailing the civil rights of the Tibetan population, including the freedoms of speech, religion, association, assembly, and movement.”; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a long history of support to the Tibetan people, including the passage of the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 (subtitle B of title VI of Public Law 107–228; 22 U.S.C. 6901 note), signed into law on September 30, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Albany City Council affirms the determination of the Tibetan people in Tibet and outside, including the Tibetan Americans, to retain their heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Albany City Council that March 10, 2019, the 60th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising, shall be officially recognized as "Tibet Day"; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Albany stands with the Tibetan people and their just, peaceful and non-violent movement.

Dated: March 4, 2019

City of Albany Proclamation No. 2019-03

Rochelle Nason, Mayor