

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

**IN HONOR OF UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK  
NOVEMBER 17 – 23, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, since January 2017, there has been an alarming increase in fringe ideologies using hatred as a means of intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous policy positions, from wanting to build a wall to most recently separating families at the border, combined with the actions and rhetoric of the President, have fueled the normalization of hateful and racist discourse; and

**WHEREAS**, attacks on immigrants, Muslims, people of color, women, Jewish people, the LGBTQ+ community, and our most vulnerable are now commonplace, resulting in an uptick in hate crimes and the open promotion of xenophobic ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, places of worship including synagogues, churches, mosques, festivals, shopping malls, and night clubs have become targets of white supremacists, neo Nazis and others espousing hatred; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, responding to these events and to clearly state our shared values, Berkeley developed the Berkeley Stands United Against Hate campaign, which was adopted by Albany as well as many other cities in the Bay Area, and served as a uniting and hopeful beacon during a challenging time, declaring our commitment to inclusivity; and

**WHEREAS**, to further counter the divide currently facing our nation, cities across the Bay Area are organizing the 2nd “United Against Hate Week” that will take place November 17-23, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, events will focus on breaking through positionality, communicating in conflict, and working together to achieve common goals promoting education, compassion, and cooperation, which are key to embracing differences between people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council hereby proclaims November 17 – 23 as “United Against Hate Week in Albany” and will support and encourage appropriate educational and community events.

Dated: September 3, 2019

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Rochelle Nason, Mayor