

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CALIFORNIA YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT ALBANY DELEGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, for 72 years the California YMCA Youth and Government has provided programs that have positively affected the lives of more than 100,000 youth; and

WHEREAS, youth participating in this program have become both corporate and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, California YMCA Youth and Government brings 4,000 high school students together to learn and act on issues affecting their communities, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Youth and Government participants develop critical thinking, public speaking and leadership skills that will prepare them for college and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Youth and Government provides participants with the opportunity to experience government first-hand and to learn how to solve community problems through the democratic process, as well as debate and discuss issues with their peers from throughout California; and

WHEREAS, Youth and Government provides a platform for young people to find their voice and to use it to advocate for positive change in matters that impact their lives and those around them; and

WHEREAS, Youth and Government, using a “youth run – youth led” model provides a learn by doing experience that teaches the values of democracy by bringing together a diverse group of high school students from across California; and

WHEREAS, countless volunteers dedicate thousands of hours to support Youth and Government participants; and

WHEREAS, Albany has had a vibrant Youth and Government Delegation for 30 years with over 1000 participants, including Spencer Perry, the 65th Youth Governor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Albany City Council recognizes the contributions of the Youth and Government program and wishes the participants well as our future leaders.

Dated: March 2, 2020

NICK PILCH, MAYOR