

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6, 2020

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, separating families at the border, inflammatory election talk, 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 3rd “United Against Hate Week” that will take place November 30-December 6, 2020; 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 proclaims November 30 – December 6, 2020 as “United Against Hate Week in Albany” and will support and encourage appropriate educational and community events.

Dated: November 16, 2020

NICK PILCH, MAYOR