

City of Albany

Proclamation

**IN RECOGNITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH
MAY 2021**

WHEREAS, quality affordable housing is the foundation for health, economic stability, and educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS, affordable homes are a solution to homelessness, and provide support to seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, quality affordable homes are long-term assets in their communities, contributing to public safety and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, development of affordable homes close to public transit and jobs will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen the economy by providing low income families better access to opportunities and urban amenities; and

WHEREAS, rising housing costs and economic factors have led to increasing displacement, overcrowding, and homelessness that threaten our region's diversity and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, community organizations and many others continue to respond to this need by providing homes and shelter for low-income people and those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) is a member-driven organization working to preserve, protect, and create affordable housing opportunities in the bay area, and EBHO is leading the celebration of Affordable Housing Month and recognizing the collective work of its members to solve the affordable housing crisis and stabilize communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes May 2021 as Annual Affordable Housing Month in the City of Albany.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City will continue to work collaboratively to secure sustainable funding and support for affordable housing at the local, regional and state level and will encourage residents of Albany to participate in Affordable Housing Week activities.

GE'NELL GARY, MAYOR