

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

**IN HONOR OF OLDER AMERICANS MONTH  
MAY 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany includes a growing number of older Americans who have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes and difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are included and encouraged to share their successes and stories of resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany recognizes our need to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive in time of both joy and difficulty; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany can foster communities of strength by:

- Creating opportunities to share stories and lean from each other;
- engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and
- encouraging people of all ages to celebrate connections and resilience.

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Senior Center provides a comprehensive array of recreational programs and services that meet the needs of older adults in the community enhancing their quality of life and helping them to remain active, healthy, and independent; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the pandemic, the Albany Senior Center has provided essential services and delivered 17,247 meals, 895 grocery bags, and 280 essential items to seniors sheltering in their homes since March 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Senior Center has provided over 100 virtual programs to help seniors sheltering in place stay connected to one another engaging them in educational, enrichment, health and creative arts programs, and most importantly promoting socialization by using the Zoom Virtual Platform.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim May 2021 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to the strength of our community.

Date: May 17, 2021

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GE'NELL GARY, MAYOR