

City of Albany

Proclamation

**IN RECOGNITION OF ZONTA CLUB OF BERKELEY/NORTH BAY DAY
JUNE 8, 2021**

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1919, a small group of pioneering women in Buffalo, New York came together with an idea to form an organization to help women achieve gender equality while using their individual and collective expertise in service to the local community, and

WHEREAS, that organization which became ZONTA International, has grown to be a leading global service organization with 29,000 members in 62 countries committed to empowering women and making gender equality a reality for women and girls throughout the world. Since 1923, ZONTA International has donated over \$46 million to inspire women and expand access to education, health care, economic opportunity and safe living conditions, and

WHEREAS, since 1998, ZONTA International has focused on helping to end violence against women as its main goal and has provided more than \$10 million to support *Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women* projects to prevent and end violence against women and girls in 46 countries, and

WHEREAS, 12 million girls are married before the age of 18 each year, and 650 million women alive today were married as children, Zonta recently adopted an additional signature project to end child marriage worldwide and is now partnering with UNICEF and UNFPA to accelerate actions to end child marriage in 12 countries, and

WHEREAS, the ZONTA Club of Berkeley/North Bay is the local affiliate of ZONTA International and is comprised of women living primarily in the cities of Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties who have pursued the goals of ZONTA in our local communities since 1936 through service and advocacy, working with the California School of the Deaf and Blind, Campfire Girls and Girl Scouting, Berkeley and Oakland Public Schools, Meals on Wheels, Women's Cancer Resource Center, St. Vincent's Day Home, University of California Scholarship programs, Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League, Women's Daytime Drop-in Center, Alameda County's HEAT Watch program as well as other non-profits and governmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, the members and friends of the Zonta Club of Berkeley/North Bay will be celebrating its 85th birthday on June 8th, 2021 after more than a year of adapting and developing new methods of working together through the recent pandemic, and will continue to fight for women's equality and an end to all violence against women, and pursue its mission to advance the status of women and girls throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and to sisters around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Ge'Nell Gary, as MAYOR of the City of Albany, and City Councilmembers do hereby recognize the achievements of the Zonta Club of Berkeley/North Bay and proclaim June 8th, 2021 as Zonta Club of Berkeley/North Bay Day.

Date: June 7, 2021

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GE'NELL GARY, MBA - MAYOR