

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF FLYING THE FLAG OF THE CONFEDERATED VILLAGES OF LISJAN AT CITY HALL

WHEREAS, the City of Albany welcomes and values all of our diverse community members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany honors the Native people who were the original stewards of this land; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years, hundreds of generations, the Lisjan Ohlone people have lived on the land that is now known as the East Bay in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Villages of Lisjan is one of many Ohlone tribes, each with its own geography and history with tribes, cultures and languages as diverse as the ecosystems of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Lisjan are made up of the seven Tribes that were directly enslaved at Mission San Jose in Fremont, CA and Mission Dolores in San Francisco, CA: Lisjan (Ohlone), Karkin (Ohlone), Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok, Wappo, Delta Yokut and Napian (Patwin). This territory includes 5 Bay Area counties; Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa and San Joaquin; and

WHEREAS, members of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan continue to live in their ancestral homeland, continuing to revitalize their cultural practices and care for and protect the land.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Albany City Council recognizes the colonization of this area by the Spanish brought terror, enslavement, and disease to Native people as their land was stolen; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Albany City Council recognizes the historical policies of the United States focused on elimination and containment of Native people including destruction of sacred sites and eradication of their culture, resulting in hundreds of thousands of deaths and forcing survivors onto reservations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Albany City Council recognizes the historical policies of the United States continue to negatively impact Native people in areas of health care, education, housing, and wealth; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Albany City Council recognizes the Confederated Villages of Lisjan as valued members of our community and wish to demonstrate our strong relationship by permanently flying their flag at Albany City Hall; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the initial flag raising will be on October 11, Indigenous Peoples Day and will include a ceremony recognizing the significance of this day designed through a partnership with representatives of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan and the City of Albany; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, per the City of Albany's City Flag Display Policy 2 d. in the event a commemorative flag is to be temporarily flown, it will be flown in the last position of honor (beneath the flag of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan).

GE'NELL GARY, MBA - MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 20th day of September, 2021, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Jordan, McQuaid, Nason, Tiedemann and Mayor Gary

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

21st day of September, 2021.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK