

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN APPRECIATION FOR ALBANY CERT VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, disasters can occur anywhere and at any time, causing injury, loss of life, property damage and significant financial impacts; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a serious event, community members will need to take responsibility for their personal safety and that of their families; and

WHEREAS, disaster preparedness means being prepared before, during, and after a catastrophic event, and that neighbors support and care for each other as needed; and

WHEREAS, since 2006 Albany Fire Department has been providing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training several times a year to help support Albany emergency preparedness and expand the ability of the community to prepare for disasters; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the program hundreds of community members have received the CERT training; and

WHEREAS, Albany CERT volunteers meet regularly and also coordinate with the City to better prepare the Albany Community for any disaster; and

WHEREAS, many Albany community members have taken it upon themselves to expand their CERT training through several initiatives and special focus areas; and

WHEREAS, an Albany CERT nonprofit organization was created by CERT volunteers to further their collective efforts for disaster preparedness and resiliency for Albany including seeking grant funds as well as tax-deductible donations to provide additional training and purchase supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Albany City Council expresses its gratitude to all of the CERT volunteers who through their efforts continue to make Albany a safer and more resilient community.

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GE'NELL GARY, MBA – MAYOR