

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH June 2022

WHEREAS, Immigrant Heritage Month celebrates America's rich immigrant heritage and the stories of individuals, families, and communities who have contributed to our unique social fabric; and

WHEREAS, with the notable exception of Native Americans, all of us are immigrants or our ancestors were immigrants who came to the United States from every country around the world, either by desire or as slaves; and

WHEREAS, generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the distinctive character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create jobs in Albany; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a more fair and just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day; and

WHEREAS, too many immigrants still face discrimination and suffer from hate crimes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council recognizes June 2022 as Immigrant Heritage Month. We urge our community members to use the month of June to educate themselves on the contribution of immigrants to our local community.

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PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR