

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### **IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMS SOFTBALL CLUB TEAM 2023 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Middle School Cobras have not had a softball team since the 1980's to represent our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the softball program was given an opportunity to start again in the Spring of 2023 as a club team after students approached school leadership personnel to advocate for a team, followed by the support of parents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Middle School Softball Club Team not only had a rebirth, but also represented the Albany community in the league championship game on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the teammates of the Softball Club Team not only fielded a competitive roster, but also highlighted the value and impact of intentional inclusivity, community support, and patience; and

**WHEREAS**, the individuals who helped facilitate the re-emergence of a team to represent Albany Middle School include but are not limited to Albany Middle School Principal Eric Mapes, Albany Unified School District's Athletic Director Bill Treseler, Coach Bo, and dedicated parents Robert del Rosario, Paul Fine, and Ryan McLaren; and

**WHEREAS**, the coaches and parents exemplify the commitment that our youth ought to be entitled to for their academic and social success, underscoring impacts of community investment towards academics and extracurricular activities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fundamentally important that the young women who participated as student-athletes, be formally acknowledged for their sacrifices and bravery in showing up every week for practices and games; and

**WHEREAS**, seldom are women student-athletes afforded equitable levels of visibility and appreciation for their respective achievements or accolades.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council does hereby recognize the Albany Middle School Cobras Softball Club Team's coaches and players for all their successes in representing the City of Albany with pride, resilience, integrity, and excitement.

Dated: June 20, 2023  
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AARON TIEDEMANN, MAYOR