

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of shared humanity and a collective longing for enduring peace, the City of Albany extends our heartfelt commitment to promoting reconciliation, peace, and harmony in the Middle East; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the historical complexities and diverse aspirations of the region, we stand united in our determination to build bridges, promote understanding, and seek common ground; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversity of our local community is a source of strength contributing to the vibrant tapestry of cultures, traditions, beliefs, backgrounds, and perspectives and it is our shared responsibility to uphold these values and ensure that every member of our community feels valued, safe, and heard; and

**WHEREAS**, let this be a testament to our shared pledge to building and maintaining a community free from hate, but instead based on equality, tolerance, and respect for all; and

**WHEREAS**, together, we stand against discrimination, prejudice, and injustice; and

**WHEREAS**, by fostering understanding, embracing diversity, and promoting inclusivity, we can create a community where every individual, regardless of their religious beliefs, can live free from fear and discrimination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the Albany City Council does hereby declare a call to action, inspiring individuals and communities to work collaboratively towards a future where unity and peace prevails over division in the Middle East, and here locally, and where the principles of justice and equality guide our shared journey.

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR