

CITY OF ALBANY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Solano Avenue Association has successfully put on thirty-four Solano Strolls along Solano Avenue in the Cities of Albany and Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the Solano Avenue Association has sponsored the Stroll every year on the second Sunday of each September; and

WHEREAS, the annual Stroll put Albany on the map welcoming thousands of people each year; and

WHEREAS, each Stroll is the culmination of thousands of hours of volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, those thousands of hours of volunteer work produce an event that has now grown to approximately 300,000 people each year, who are entertained and hosted by the Stroll's approximate 83 performing acts and its approximate 500 craft, food, informational, commercial and member booths and shops; and

WHEREAS, the Stroll stretches over a mile and is the largest event of its kind in California; and

WHEREAS, planning, coordinating and executing this massive undertaking is done by the Board of the Solano Avenue Association (President Robert Cheasty, Vice-President Harry Pruyn, Secretary Virginia Jones, Treasurer Jason Alabanza, Immediate Past President Dr. Jay Bunker, and Members of the Board: Raymond Anderson, Gay Austin, Jason Bellevue, John Cowee, Jennifer Long, Debbie Perkins-Kalama, Susan Powning, Sang L. Rowand, Janet Snidow, Tom Taylor) and its Executive Director Allen Cain, with the help of hundreds of Association members and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the result of all this effort has been the incredibly successful production of the Solano Stroll each year, including the 34th Annual Solano Avenue Stroll in September 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Stroll has been honored by United States Congress as a Local Legacy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany wishes to thank the Solano Avenue Association, its Board; its executive Director and all its volunteers for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Albany honors, acknowledges and thanks the Solano Avenue Association, its Board and its Executive Director for their exemplary work in putting on this successful, fun, safe, entertaining, informative, spectacular, family oriented, free event year after year for to the entire community.

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