City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK
October 18 – 24, 2026

WHEREAS, since January 2017, there has been an alarming increase in ideologies using hatred as a means of intimidation; and

WHEREAS, attacks on Black, Indigenous people, immigrants, members of the Asian American Pacific Islander community, Muslims, people of color, women, Jewish people, the LGBTQIA community, and our most vulnerable are now commonplace, resulting in an uptick in hate crimes and the open promotion of xenophobic ideas; and

WHEREAS, places of worship including synagogues, churches, mosques, festivals, shopping malls, and night clubs have become targets of white supremacists, neo Nazis and others espousing hatred; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, responding to these events and to clearly state our shared values, Berkeley developed the Berkeley Stands United Against Hate campaign, which was adopted by Albany as well as many other cities in the Bay Area, and served as a uniting and hopeful beacon during a challenging time, declaring our commitment to inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, to further counter the divide currently facing our nation, cities across the Bay Area and the nation are organizing the 9th "United Against Hate Week" that will take place October 18 – 24 2026; and

WHEREAS, events will focus on breaking through positionality, communicating in conflict, and working together to achieve common goals promoting education, compassion, and cooperation, which are key to embracing differences between people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Albany City Council declares October 18 - 24 as "United Against Hate Week in Albany" and will support and encourage appropriate educational and community events.

DATED: October 19, 2026

PEGGY McQUAID, MAYOR