RESOLUTION NO. 2013-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN APPRECIATION OF BETH POLLARD FOR HER SERVICE AS CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY

WHEREAS, Beth Pollard was appointed as the City Administrator, with title later changed to City Manager, for the City of Albany at the City Council meeting of January 16, 2001, selected by the Albany City Council Mayor Maris, and Council Members DiPrisco, Ely, Okawachi, and Thomsen; and

WHEREAS, Beth served as City Manager to seven City Councils including Council Members Atkinson, Barnes, DiPrisco, Ely, Good, Javandel, Lieber, Maass, Maris, Okawachi, Thomsen, and Wile; and

WHEREAS, Beth’s career as a City Manager has spanned 20 years, while her experience in local government extends over the course of 32 years, including serving the last 12 years as the City Manager for the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Beth quickly demonstrated her commitment to the Albany community, serving with both heart and dedication, as she immersed herself into the “small town” ambiance of Albany, participating in community organizations including the Rotary Club of Albany and her recent service as event leader for the Albany Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, Beth has gracefully and skillfully managed the City of Albany through a multitude of major projects including but not limited to, the cooperative effort between the City, Albany Unified School District, University of California and the United States Department of Agriculture to create the “Bay Trail Connector” also known as the
Buchanan/Marin Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway, implementation of a Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, acquisition of properties for a City owned Public Works facility, for expansion of the Senior Center, and for Pierce Street Park, “Voices to Vision” - a communitywide collaborative planning process for the Albany Waterfront, the retrofit of Albany Civic Center, the planning and approval of the University Village mixed use development project, and the establishment of a variety of community engagement tools to connect neighbors and local government; and

WHEREAS, Beth has led staff, the City Council and the community to balance the City’s budget during challenging fiscal times, utilizing an inclusive, collaborative public workshop process to discuss and identify solutions to budget issues, effectively managing to avoid major disruptions to City services throughout the economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, Beth’s management style has energized and empowered City staff to always aim to deliver at the highest caliber and constantly strive for improvement; and

WHEREAS, under Beth’s lead, the employees and officials of the City of Albany have grown together and matured into an extended family, showing concern, support and care for one another; and

WHEREAS, even when under pressure or confronted with a high profile situation, Beth has exuded the utmost confidence and professionalism, serving as a role model and a true leader; and

WHEREAS, when Beth announced her retirement to the City’s Management Team, the room literally fell silent, demonstrating the respect and warm sentiment staff hold for her; and
WHEREAS, Beth will be dearly missed during daily operations, but will forever be considered part of the City of Albany family; and

WHEREAS, the entire City of Albany family wishes Beth the very best as she begins her transition into her new chapter in life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council expresses its appreciation to Beth Pollard for her service as City Manager for the City of Albany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby proclaims August 29, 2013, “Beth Pollard Day” within the City of Albany.
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 15th day of July, 2013, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Barnes, Maass, Vice Mayor Wile & Mayor Thomsen

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 16th


Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambiance, responding to the needs of a diverse community, and providing a safe, healthy and sustainable community.