City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ALBANY FILMFEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARTS EDUCATION AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION IN OUR COMMUNITY AND PROCLAIMING MARCH 18 – 26, 2017 AS ALBANY FILMFEST WEEK

WHEREAS, Albany FilmFest 2017 marks the seventh consecutive year of the Albany FilmFest; and

WHEREAS, the Albany FilmFest was created by the City’s Ad-Hoc Cable Committee (now the Community Media Access Committee) in 2011, to encourage community members to share their voices, stories, and creative visions through the medium of film; and

WHEREAS, the Albany FilmFest grew quickly from a one-day event into a weeklong celebration that serves film goers of all ages from across the Bay Area to sample and enjoy Albany; and

WHEREAS, today the Albany FilmFest is a juried competition with a judging panel of film professionals; and

WHEREAS, audiences see an eclectic mix of independent local, national, and international short films during Albany FilmFest Week, and a varied series of viewings throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Albany FilmFest supports young filmmakers, with two special youth categories, special film showings specifically for youth, and encourages participation from Albany schools; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the Albany FilmFest are used to fund youth media education in Albany; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Best in Show Winner, *Come to the Table*, was screened at the Obama White House; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Albany FilmFest was named “Visual Artist of the Year” by the Albany Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Best in Show Winner, *Before the Bomb*, was an official selection of the Emerging Filmmakers Showcase at the Cannes Film Festival; and
WHEREAS, the 2016 Best in Show Winner, Ferguson 365, was optioned by CNN and is being produced as a feature film; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Albany FilmFest features a special category, “My Own Private Albany”, devoted to films specifically about Albany and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes the contributions of the Albany FilmFest to arts education and creative expression in our community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes March 18 – 26, 2017 as Albany FilmFest Week, and encourages the community to attend the 2017 Albany FilmFest to celebrate arts and creative expression.

Peggy McQuaid, Mayor

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