City of Albany

Proclamation

IN HONOR OF ALBANY FILMFEST WEEK

WHEREAS, the Albany FilmFest, is in its eighth consecutive year contributing to arts education and creative expression in our community; and

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

WHEREAS, it grew quickly from a local one-day event into a successful weeklong celebration that serves film goers of all ages from across the Bay Area and invites them to sample and enjoy our downtown Solano Avenue business district; and

WHEREAS, today the Albany FilmFest is a juried competition with a stellar 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 events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Albany FilmFest supports young filmmakers, with two special youth categories (ages 6 to 12, and 13 to 17) and special film showings specifically for youth, and encourages and facilitates the active participation of Albany schools; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the festival are used to fund youth media education in Albany in conjunction with the City of Albany; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2013 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, the Albany FilmFest has developed screenings devoted to current social topics such as the environment and science and the celebration of local women filmmakers; and

WHEREAS, the Albany FilmFest always features a special category, My Own Private Albany, devoted to films specifically about Albany and its citizens and the Albany Filmmakers Showcase, which screens films made by Albany residents of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Albany City Council that March 17 – 25 is Albany FilmFest Week!

Dated: March 5, 2018

Peggy McQuaid, Mayor

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