

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY D'ELIA'S RETIREMENT FROM THE ALBANY YMCA

WHEREAS, Mary D'Elia began her career at the Albany YMCA (Albany Y) in 1987 as the preschool dance and kindergym instructor; and

WHEREAS, Mary taught adult fitness classes and became the Y Fitness Director in 1996, overseeing all the adult programs; and

WHEREAS, Mary was instrumental in the planning of the Albany Y's first fitness center in 1998 and the planning and expansion of it in 2014 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mary started the Brown Bag Speakers Forum at the Albany Y and later collaborated with the Albany Library to open the forum to the entire Albany community; and

WHEREAS, Mary became the Executive Director of the Albany Y in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mary increased membership from 2,000 in 2017 to 3,000 in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Y received "Best of Albany" fitness recognition under her leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mary spearheaded the annual community giving campaigns that raised well over \$1,000,000, providing financial assistance for kids, teens, families, and seniors to be able to participate in Albany Y programs; and

WHEREAS, Mary's creativity, ingenuity, and persistence kept the Albany Y accessible during the pandemic years by implementing online classes, and reorganizing the facility to provide safe workout spaces; and

WHEREAS, Mary has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Albany community, organizing Red Cross bloodmobile donations, food drives, book drives, and through her service with Albany Rotary; and

WHEREAS, for 37 years, Mary has demonstrated outstanding leadership and vision to the Albany Y and community, improving and maintaining the health and wellness of thousands of members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council thanks Mary D'Elia for her many years of service to our community and wishes her well in her retirement.

Dated: May 20, 2024

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR