## RESOLUTION NO. 6369

## A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF ALL CITY OF ALBANY RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council having been informed of race hate literature distributed by persons unknown at the November 11, 2014, Veterans' Day Parade takes this opportunity to affirm that racist literature at this event is an affront to all veterans regardless of race or ethnicity. Such bigotry flies in the face of the very values our soldiers fought and sacrificed for; and

WHEREAS, this racist literature is an insult and affront to the people of the city of Albany who are working to overcome an historic legacy of racial bias, discrimination, and exclusion. It is well-known that racist messages that go unchallenged fester and multiply creating division in our community and hardships for the minority members of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that it is resolved to be vigilant in defense of the rights of all people, proactive in our attempts to be a welcoming community for all peoples looking for a better life, and steadfast and vigorous in condemning all forms of hate and bigotry.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST: