RESOLUTION NO. 6450

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF ALBANY, OREGON, AS A FLAG CITY U.S.A.

WHEREAS, Albany is the county seat of Linn County, the second largest city in Benton County, and the 11th largest city in the state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Albany has been home to the largest Veterans' Day parade west of the Mississippi River since the mid-20th century; and

WHEREAS, Albany annually honors veterans of all armed conflicts and those who serve in peace time with the parade, a community breakfast, an awards dinner, other Veterans' Day activities, and a veterans' memorial at Timber-Linn Memorial Park, where ceremonies are held on Memorial Day each year to honor those who served in all American military branches; and

WHEREAS, Albany was named an All-America City in 1985 for its volunteerism, charitable works, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, the American flag – Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes, the Star-spangled Banner – is the symbol of the United States of America; and displaying it on homes, businesses, and government buildings is affirmation of our patriotism and allegiance to the nation; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 10 is encouraging businesses, residents, government agencies, and civic organizations to fly the flag on public and private property on Presidents' Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day, Election Day, Veterans' Day, and Pearl Harbor Day to display the community's patriotism and pride and to designate Albany as a Flag City USA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council endorses the Legion's endeavor and encourages the entire Albany community to support the project.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015.

ATTEST: