

PROCLAMATION

Stalking Awareness Month January 2022

WHEREAS, under the laws of all fifty states, the U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, and federal government, stalking is a crime; and

WHEREAS, 6-7.5 million people are stalked in a one-year period in the United States, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know; and

WHEREAS, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner have been stalked by that intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

WHEREAS, more victims are stalked using technology—such as phone calls, text messages, social media platforms, internet posts, emails, and electronic tracking—than not using any technology; and

WHEREAS, criminal justice systems can enhance their responses to stalking by regular training and assertive investigation and prosecution of the crime; and

WHEREAS, laws and public policies must be continually adapted to keep pace with new tactics used by stalkers; and

WHEREAS, communities can better combat stalking by adopting multidisciplinary responses by teams of local agencies and organizations and by providing more and better victim services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim January 2022, as

Stalking Awareness Month

in Albany, and applaud the efforts of the many victim services providers, police officers, prosecutors, national and community organizers, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 12th day of January 2022.


Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor