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### **Common Council Recognizes July as Disability Pride Month in the City of Albany**

**ALBANY, NY** – The Common Council on July 6 announced a resolution in honor of Disability Pride Month in the City of Albany. The event commemorates the July 26, 1990 passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities and promotes their full participation in everyday life.

Councilmember Meghan Keegan, sponsor of the resolution, spoke on the cause for celebration as well as the work that remains in achieving equity.

“It is a time for us to celebrate and recognize individuals with disabilities in our community—their identity and culture and contributions to our society,” **Councilmember Keegan** said. “It is also a time to change how we define disability, combat and end the stigma surrounding disability, and really work toward ending ableism in our society.”

“If we look at our own City Hall, while there is a handicap access to the building, it is very difficult to find, and it is located in the back of the building in the basement,” **Councilmember Keegan** said. “So while I would love to ... reflect on everything that this community has done to achieve full inclusion in society, I’d also like to note that we have quite a ways to go.”

The Council also unveiled its new Disability Pride Month logo on social media. It features the words “City of Albany Common Council” within muted blue and orange concentric circles. These circles frame the words “Albany, New York | Est. 1686” backed by the muted black, red, gold, white, blue and green diagonal stripes of the Disability Pride flag.

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