

Resolution #2019-28

To Establish the second Saturday in September as Community – Unity Service Day in Albion

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of Albion's character, and central to how we meet our challenges and enhance the quality of life for our community; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across our nation are increasingly turning to community service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet social needs; and

WHEREAS, the more we give of ourselves, the happier we feel; that volunteering increases self-confidence; that doing good for others and the community provides a natural sense of accomplishment; that volunteering gives us a sense of pride and identity; and

WHEREAS, volunteering empowers each of us to influence the priorities, values and direction of our community; and

WHEREAS, Albion has a multitude of civic and faith-based organizations as well as actively engaged individuals motivated by a strong commitment to serve others to create a better quality of life for our entire community; and

WHEREAS, social fragmentation within communities leads to instability in a world of individuality where civility is often forgotten.

Council Member Reid moved, supported by Council Member Williamson, to approve the following resolution.

RESOLVED, the City of Albion hereby declares every second Saturday in September as Community – Unity Service Day in the City of Albion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Albion supports the proposition that fostering volunteerism and community through an Annual Community-Unity Service Day embodies the legacy of two of America's greatest leaders; the Reverend Martin Luther King who said: *"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve"*, and President John F. Kennedy who said: *"Ask not what your country can do for you, -ask what you can do for your country"*, challenging every American to contribute in some way to the public good.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on August 5, 2019, in a regular session of the Albion City Council and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Lauder)

Jill Domingo / 8-5-19
Jill Domingo, Albion City Clerk / Date