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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO OVERCOME THE BARRIERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services is accepting applications for three-year grants to develop programs to reduce the barriers for individuals with disabilities to participate in recreational programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Parks and Recreation Department is to ensure that all residents of Albany have the recreational experiences they want and need; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 7500 individuals living in Albany with disabilities that generate access issues for recreation services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant request would fund the development of programs to help overcome the barriers to inclusion in recreational activities that people with disabilities face;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the City of Albany Parks and Recreation Director is authorized to apply for the grant specified above.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 9^{TH} DAY OF MAY, 2007.

ATTEST: