

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE
CITY OF NORTON**

WHEREAS, Wise County and its independent City of Norton, and the City of Alexandria, Virginia, have been formally paired by their governing officials and Governor Ralph Northam in the Local Government Exchange Program, through partnership with Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Municipal League, and Virginia Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of this partnership, officials from both cities have shared ideas to promote that relationship, through travel, technology, and written communication; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic of COVID-19, which has rapidly swept the globe, is currently affecting all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic's far-reaching inflictions have cut deep into all municipalities and their citizens' quality of life and the daily municipal management, and these effects include loss of human life, staggering economic depletion, and the cities of Norton and Alexandria are no exception to this national and worldwide distress, both being independent cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria stands firmly in support of our partner city, Norton, and expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Norton's first-responders, municipal leaders, service workers, educators, and citizens who employ the safest practices to help combat this scourge which has so deeply altered their way of life, bringing with it a season of grief; and

WHEREAS, this calamity is being met – and will continue to be met –with unwavering generosity of spirit, and the cities of Norton and Alexandria are no exception as partners on the front lines of this crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby extend our thoughts and support to the municipal leaders of Norton, its staff, and the great people of Norton.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of April, 2020.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk