

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, establishing universal rights and freedom for all people, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political opinion, national origin, or other status; and

WHEREAS, Human Rights Month brings awareness to protecting the City of Alexandria’s residents, employees, and visitors from discrimination, with these protections enshrined in the city’s Human Rights Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria’s Human Rights Code, among the first adopted in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1975 celebrates its 50th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria’s Human Rights Commission has long served the city council and city management as a trusted and respected advisory board on issues of human and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria’s Office of Human Rights ensures that all residents are afforded equal opportunities for employment, housing, and public accommodations, thus setting a powerful example; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria proudly stands at the vanguard in ensuring all are welcomed, valued and recognized with the respect of our acknowledged common humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 2025 as:

“HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH”

In the City of Alexandria and encourage all Alexandrians to join us in reflecting on the importance of human rights, supporting the Office of Human Rights’ vital work, and in acting to promote dignity, freedom, and justice for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of December 2025.

MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, CMC City Clerk