## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Del Ray Business Association has devoted over forty years to representing its business members and working with the City and surrounding neighborhood civic associations; and

WHEREAS, the Del Ray Business Association is a dedicated group which continues working to ensure that Del Ray is a thriving residential and commercial community in Alexandria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Del Ray Business Association and DC Road Runners are celebrating the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its annual five-mile "Turkey Trot" Road Race on Thanksgiving Day, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, in Del Ray, Alexandria, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Del Ray Business Association considers this an important event for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, this event results in both a financial donation and the collection of a sizeable quantity of food for distribution to those in need by ALIVE!, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, close to five thousand road runners from all parts of the metropolitan area, the United States, as well as from around the world, participate yearly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize November 23, 2023, as:

## "DEL RAY 'TURKEY TROT' DAY"

In the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk