

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership was inspired and championed by local leaders and brought to life by a team from City government, the Alexandria City Public Schools and nonprofit partners; and

WHEREAS, mentoring has been proven to build developmental assets in youth and improve mental health, increasing self-esteem, community engagement, and success in school, and decreasing court-involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership is committed to the vision that each of our children and young adults who needs a mentoring relationship will have one and that well trained mentors and mentoring programs are available; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Mentoring University has been fully funded by way of a grant awarded by The Department of Criminal Justice Services, to provide courses, trainings, and initiatives that equip caring adults with the skills to build our next generation of leaders and innovators; and

WHEREAS, the City Council invested in the full-time position of Alexandria Mentoring Partnership Coordinator to ensure equitable standards are utilized and practiced throughout all partnering programs, and to enhance and expand mentoring throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria will do all it can to support the growth and quality of the mentoring experience for children and young adults, mentors and mentoring programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2023 as:

“ALEXANDRIA MENTORING MONTH”

and affirm the commitment of the City of Alexandria to support Alexandria Mentoring Partnership initiatives in the City, and I call this observance to the attention of all our residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of January 2023.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk