

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the safety and security of all Alexandrians is important to the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of our City; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the 18th century, Alexandria sought to keep our community safe by employing constables and watchmen who patrolled our town on foot; and

WHEREAS, today Alexandria relies on the service of nearly 500 dedicated law enforcement officers, including police officers, deputy sheriffs and fire marshals, who put their lives on the line to ensure the public's safety; and

WHEREAS, these law enforcement officers are highly-trained and committed professionals who are sworn to protect the lives and property of our residents, business people and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's law enforcement professionals work closely with other public service employees, community groups, and local organizations to enhance the safety of all who live in, work in and visit Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's law enforcement officers and agencies value opportunities to engage with the community and offer programs, like community academies, ride-alongs and tours, for members of the public to learn about operations of the Police Department, Sheriff's Office and Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the violent and volatile situations law enforcement officers encounter make it an extremely dangerous profession, with 18 Alexandria law enforcement officers having lost their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the demanding duties and increasing responsibilities law enforcement officers experience also make it a tremendously challenging profession; and

WHEREAS, we deeply appreciate the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices made by officers and their family members each day, in order to protect our schools, workplaces, streets, and homes; and

WHEREAS, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is an opportunity to show our support and gratitude for law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim today, January 9, 2024, as:

"LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY"

in the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all Alexandrians.

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 January 2024.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk