

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Historical Society has worked to research, preserve, and share the history of the Port City through publications, talks, tours, special events, awards and grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Historical Society has provided financial support for numerous publications on Alexandria’s history, most recently “African American Emancipation in an Occupied City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Historical Society has been facilitating the publication of original research on the Port City and Northern Virginia History through “The Alexandria Chronicle”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Historical Society’s representatives have served on the Alexandria Archaeological Commission and the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Historical Society’s talks and special events have connected the public with expert historians, genealogists, and preservationists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Historical Society’s annual History Awards have recognized the best of public history in the Port City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Historical Society’s Golden Grant awards are helping others in Alexandria research, preserve, and share Alexandria history; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding Alexandria’s history helps all Alexandrians understand our city’s present and better work together for a brighter future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Historical Society is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby honor:

**“The Alexandria Historical Society for 50 years of working to foster a more informed citizenry by promoting the research and understanding of the complex, diverse, and compelling history of Alexandria”**

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the city of Alexandria to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

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

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk