

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, marking its twentieth anniversary, the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership was conceived by visionary local leaders and brought to life by a team of City government staff in collaboration with Alexandria City Public Schools and key nonprofit partners; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality mentoring is a proven catalyst for positive youth development, building Developmental Assets in youth and improving mental health, and driving success in school while reducing risk factors associated with crime, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, truancy, and gang affiliation; and

**WHEREAS**, for two decades, the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership has championed the vision that every young person who desires a mentor will have access to one, and that high-quality mentors and mentoring programs are available throughout our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership supports those wishing to start new mentoring programs and those wishing to enhance existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership proudly offers Caring University (CaringU) a free learning institute for youth and the adults who care about them, fostering social and emotional development, and a culture of caring across Alexandria; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria remains deeply committed to investing in the growth, quality, and profound positive impact of the mentoring experience for youth, our dedicated mentors, and all partner mentoring programs.

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

### **“ALEXANDRIA MENTORING MONTH”**

*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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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

ATTEST:

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*Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk*