

## **P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law to prevent discrimination based on disabilities, require that employers provide reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities, and create accessibility requirements in public spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these protections, people with disabilities remain at an increased risk of experiencing discrimination, stigmatization, isolation, and other inequities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are 61 million adults in the United States living with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Census Bureau reports that there are also more than 3 million children in the United States living with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Disability Pride Month is observed annually in July by people across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, it is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of people with disabilities, commemorate the history of the disability community, take an active role in preventing discrimination against people with disabilities, and promote the visibility and normalization of disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize July 2024, as:

### **“DISABILITY PRIDE 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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