

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, *Volunteer Alexandria has brought together residents, nonprofits, businesses, schools, faith communities, and local government for more than four decades to strengthen our city through service; and*

**WHEREAS**, *each year, thousands of Alexandrians demonstrate that this is a community where people give generously of their time and talents. Through its leadership, Volunteer Alexandria inspires, mobilizes, and connects individuals to causes that improve the quality of life for all; and*

**WHEREAS**, *for more than 45 years, Volunteer Alexandria has mobilized thousands of residents to address critical and ongoing community needs, partnering with local nonprofits, businesses, schools, and government agencies to build a stronger and more resilient city; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the City of Alexandria is home to a vibrant network of nonprofit organizations that rely on volunteers to expand their reach, deliver essential services, and support neighbors in areas such as education, food security, housing, health, arts, environmental stewardship, and community wellbeing; and*

**WHEREAS**, *during National Volunteer Month, Volunteer Alexandria proudly recognizes and celebrates the thousands of individuals who generously donate their time, talent, skills, and compassion to strengthen our community and uplift those in need.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2026 to be:

***“Volunteers are the Heart 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 cause the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 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*