

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Alexandria, Virginia, Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (known today as the Barbershop Harmony Society) was chartered 75 years ago on June 19, 1948, and is known as the “Alexandria Harmonizers;” and

WHEREAS, the Harmonizers have represented Alexandria while winning twenty medals at international competitions, including four first-place gold medals, and performing at Wolf Trap, the Kennedy Center, Strathmore Music Center, the White House, the U.S. Supreme Court, and Carnegie Hall, as well as in China, France, Germany, and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Harmonizers have maintained a continuous presence in Alexandria and a productive relationship with the City’s Office of the Arts and Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs and its predecessors; and

WHEREAS, the Harmonizers have brought their uplifting version of a capella music to thousands of Alexandria residents each year through concerts, veteran’s events, performances at churches, parks, art festivals, youth festivals, senior centers, and by supporting other local nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Harmonizers continuously strive to share the experience of four-part harmony with new singers, most recently through the establishment of a companion treble chorus Metro Voices, and a soon to be launched youth chorus Capital Force; and

WHEREAS, the Harmonizers, through their commitment to artistic quality, community engagement, and musical education, continue to fulfill their mission of “Enriching lives through vocal harmony in the greater D.C. area,” and bring great credit to our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize June 2023 as:

“ALEXANDRIA HARMONIZER ANNIVERSARY 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 13th day of June, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk