

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

WHEREAS, *First Night Alexandria Inc. is celebrating its 31st year as a beloved annual Festival of Music and More in Alexandria and the best family-friendly New Year’s Eve party in the region; and*

WHEREAS, *the Board of Directors and other prominent community Stakeholders consider this signature experience to be an important economic engine for our restaurants, hotels, retailers and tourism in the City; and*

WHEREAS, *First Night Alexandria is known for its culturally diverse performances by local musicians, comedians, and entertainers; and*

WHEREAS, *this year there will be 13 stages specially designed to have you singing, dancing and laughing all day and evening with family and friends; and*

WHEREAS, *First Night Alexandria invites the community to make new memories together at the Rocking New Year’s Eve Day Party at the Masonic Temple, Light Up Carlyle Block Party in the early evening, the Market Square Block Party later in the evening, and fireworks over the Potomac River by twilight and midnight; and*

WHEREAS, *this event results in clean, safe, affordable and alcohol-free fun on New Year's Eve.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim that December 31, 2025, will be a:

“FAIR WEATHER, FUN-FILLED DAY”

Throughout the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of December 2025.*

MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk