PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria holds the values of compassion, community, and support for those in need at the forefront of its priorities; and

WHEREAS, ALIVE! has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to eradicating hunger and providing essential support to our fellow residents facing food insecurity and basic needs assistance; and

WHEREAS, Scouting for Food, a national event through Cub Scouts and Scouting BSA's National Capitol Council and the Colonial District, is a cornerstone of our community and has exemplified the ideals of service, leadership, and unity through its tireless efforts to collect and distribute food to those who require assistance; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between ALIVE! and Scouting for Food has flourished into a beacon of hope for our city, igniting a spirit of collaboration that has significantly multiplied the positive impact on the lives of Alexandria's residents; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers and leaders of ALIVE! and Scouting for Food have worked hand in hand, embodying the true essence of civic engagement and community betterment; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication, perseverance, and empathy, the alliance between ALIVE! and Scouting for Food has transformed countless lives by providing sustenance and support to individuals and families facing challenging circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, do hereby recognize, acknowledge, and celebrate the ALIVE! and Scouting for Food Partnership in the City of Alexandria; and in so doing, wish to point out these factors of effectiveness their partnership has utilized and embraced:

SECTION 1: We celebrate and commend the extraordinary partnership between ALIVE! and Scouting for Food for their exceptional work in alleviating hunger and providing essential resources to our neighbors in need;

SECTION 2: We recognize the selfless contributions of the volunteers and organizers who have dedicated their time, effort, and resources to ensure that no individual in our community goes without access to nutritious food;

SECTION 3: We encourage all citizens of Alexandria to join hands with ALIVE! and Scouting for Food, to amplify their impact, and to extend a helping hand to those who require assistance in these challenging times;

SECTION 4: We express our deepest gratitude to ALIVE! and Scouting for Food for embodying the spirit of unity and compassion, and for enriching the fabric of our city through their meaningful collaboration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of October 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk