PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Irish have greatly enriched the culture of Western Civilization from its earliest days; and

WHEREAS, the Irish have nobly preserved the Celtic and Gaelic traditions from ancient times to the present; and

WHEREAS, the history of the City of Alexandria is replete with the contributions of many people from Ireland and those of Irish descent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is today the home of numerous people of Irish descent who are active in its cultural, economic, political and social life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes the incalculable role played by the Irish and their descendants in world, national, state, and City affairs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March as:

"IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

In the City of Alexandria, in honor of the day that all people from Ireland, and of Irish descent, come together in celebration of St. Patrick; and

FURTHER, I hereby welcome all revelers on this great day and celebration to our City this Saturday, March 4th to attend and enjoy the

"ALEXANDRIA ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28th day of February, 2023.*

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk