

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

WHEREAS, people with disabilities and their allies recently celebrated the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, there are over 61 million adults with disabilities living in the United States, and over 1.6 million disabled adults living in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the disability community has a vested interest in policies enacted at local, state, and national levels that effect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; and

WHEREAS, getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities to live, work, learn, and play in the community; and

WHEREAS, voting is one sure way for the disability community to exert their influence and demonstrate their political power in local, state and national elections; and

WHEREAS, there are efforts around the country to develop state disability voting coalitions, similar to REV UP Virginia, working on increasing the political participation of disabled Americans; and

WHEREAS, REV UP, “Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!” is a national effort to encourage state and local disability community voting coalitions to increase the political power of disabled Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria supports the growing national involvement of the disability community in the political process, and the statewide efforts of REV UP Virginia to increase the political power and influence of disabled Virginian voters; and

WHEREAS, members of the disability rights community are organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week, September 13-20, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and designate the week of September 13-20, 2021 as

“NATIONAL DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK”

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 14th day of September, 2021.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk