

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bernard “Ben” Brenman, USA, Ret. Col. envisioned a community archaeology program for Alexandria in which sites across the entire city representing all peoples and times would be valued by everyone living in and visiting Alexandria today; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission has established the Bernard “Ben” Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award given in October in recognition of Virginia Archaeology Month to appreciate partners who have given significant contributions toward Alexandria’s community archaeology for Virginia Archaeology Month; and

WHEREAS, the Brenman Award acknowledges high quality work, innovation, commitment or extraordinary efforts in preservation, research, education, public appreciation and advocacy for archaeology; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Brenman Awards highlight our public education mission and the incredible amount of work and dedication that goes into the seemingly simple act of inspiring future generations of archaeologists and history stewards; and

*WHEREAS, a 2023 Brenman Award for **Outstanding Educators** is presented to the recent Alexandria Archaeology Summer Camp Counselors, Christina Eure, Tara Jennings, Cathryn Kinde, Hannah Lemon, Julianne White, Margaret “Maggie” Winter, and Melissa Thiringer for their professionalism, patience, and commitment to educating and training the next generation of Alexandria archaeologists by teaching careful research, excavation, and cataloguing methods, imparting the importance of the scientific method, ultimately energizing light bulb moments through interpreting Alexandria’s significant history, and, thereby, enriching the lives of Alexandria residents and visitors for years to come; and*

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

“Alexandria Archaeology Summer Camp Counselors, Christina Eure, Tara Jennings, Cathryn Kinde, Hannah Lemon, Julianne White, Margaret “Maggie” Winter, and Melissa Thiringer”

for their work 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 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