

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2024, the City of Alexandria will mark 275 years since its founding by celebrating, sharing, learning, and reflecting on its centuries of history while looking ahead toward a brilliant future; and

WHEREAS, the shoreline of the Potomac River, where the City of Alexandria is located today, was a lush and resourceful home for centuries to Indigenous peoples before they were displaced by European settlement; and

WHEREAS, the land used for the City of Alexandria was surveyed for cultivation by George Washington and, on July 13, 1749, the first lot was sold; and

WHEREAS, during its long history, the City of Alexandria has been a tobacco trading post, one of the ten busiest ports in America, a part of the District of Columbia, home to both the largest slave-trading firm in the country and a large free Black community, a Civil War supply center for troops of the United States, and a street-car suburb for federal workers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is now a vibrant municipality that has continued to evolve into a diverse community of more than 145 nationalities and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria will be commemorating this incredible milestone all across its neighborhoods, with activities that include exhibitions, the collecting and sharing of oral histories, and community events like an expanded Portside in Old Town Summer Festival and an Alexandria birthday celebration;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby Commend:

**“THE CITY of ALEXANDRIA
on THE OCCASION of its 275th ANNIVERSARY”**

AND, BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the City of Alexandria as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the city's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of March, 2024, in the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk