

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a national program with the mission to train and organize volunteers to be valuable partners with emergency services; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria established a CERT program in October 2003 with the goal of training our community members in a broad range of basic emergency preparedness and response skills; and*

***WHEREAS**, the CERT volunteers engage in many hours of additional training and exercises to enhance their skills; and*

***WHEREAS**, the CERT volunteers can apply these skills to daily emergencies and help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives; and*

***WHEREAS**, the CERT volunteers are ready to support and serve as a force multiplier for the City's professional responders; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the accomplishments and continuing value of the CERT volunteers who give their time and devote their passion to supporting emergency preparedness, response, and recovery in the City; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby pay special tribute to Alexandria CERT and its dedicated volunteers on:*

“THE 20th ANNIVERSARY of THE FOUNDING of ALEXANDRIA CERT”

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