

**PROCLAMATION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Ballyshaners work to preserve the heritage and culture of the Irish and share it with the community; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria is 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 roles played by the Irish in world, national, and city affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, please join the Ballyshaners and the City of Alexandria as we come together to honor St. Patrick and the people of Ireland and of Irish descent. It is a community event for all to unite and celebrate. Please gather with us on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 12:30 pm for the 43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as:

**“IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”**

In the City of Alexandria and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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**MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk