

PROCLAMATION

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 made important contributions toward Alexandria’s archaeology and history; and

WHEREAS, leaders on the Alexandria Archaeological Commission like Ben Brenman 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 Brenman Award acknowledges high quality work, innovation, commitment, or extraordinary efforts in preservation, research, education, public appreciation, and advocacy for archaeology; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Brenman Award highlights the excavation, preservation, and stewardship of significant aspects of Alexandria’s seaport history, including a major segment of the fourth lock and third basin of the Alexandria Canal, built in 1845; and

WHEREAS, a 2025 Brenman Award for **Outstanding Developer** is presented to Carr Properties for the company’s commitment to the highest quality archaeological preservation at the site of the Alexandria Canal in Old Town North; for partnering with the Alexandria Archaeology division, the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology, volunteers, and community members to share this significant find with the public; for partnering with the City to relocate the original canal stones for future use in a park; and, thereby, enriching the lives of Alexandria residents and visitors with history, for decades past and decades to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate:

“Carr Properties”

For their work in the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28th day of October 2025.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk