

PROCLAMATION

National Night Out, August 4, 2026

WHEREAS, *National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and public safety efforts throughout the City of Alexandria; and*

WHEREAS, *National Night Out provides an opportunity for residents, businesses, community and faith organizations, and public safety personnel to come together in support of safer, stronger, and more connected neighborhoods; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Alexandria is committed to fostering trust, collaboration, and meaningful engagement between community members and those who serve them; and*

WHEREAS, *the Alexandria Police Department works alongside residents, businesses, schools, faith communities, and civic organizations to address public safety concerns, prevent crime, and enhance quality of life through relationship-based policing and problem-solving partnerships; and*

WHEREAS, *National Night Out demonstrates that public safety is a shared responsibility and that strong relationships among neighbors and between the community and public safety professionals contribute to safer, more resilient neighborhoods; and*

WHEREAS, *under the theme "One Community. One Night. One Alexandria.", National Night Out celebrates the unity, diversity, and collective spirit that define Alexandria, bringing together people from every neighborhood in a shared commitment to public safety, connection, and community well-being; and*

WHEREAS, *on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, neighborhoods, businesses, and faith communities throughout Alexandria will participate in National Night Out events that strengthen relationships, foster trust, and reinforce the partnerships that help make Alexandria a safe city for all.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, *Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 4, 2026, as:*

“NATIONAL NIGHT OUT”

In the City of Alexandria, and encourage all residents, businesses, community and faith organizations, and visitors to participate in neighborhood events, connect with one another, support local public safety efforts, and embrace the spirit of "One Community. One Night. One Alexandria."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 4th day of August 2026.*

MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk