PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the most fundamental and sacred rights of our country is the right to vote; in order for our government to function effectively and respond to the needs of our people, citizens must play a role in shaping it; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria is committed to the highest standards of election integrity and is also committed to encouraging broad voter registration, access, and citizen participation in all elections among voting-eligible citizens; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria recognizes that many Americans are not able to vote because they miss a registration deadline, do not update their registration information, or are unfamiliar with how to register; and

WHEREAS, National Voter Registration Day is designated for Tuesday, Sept 20, 2022. All Alexandrians are encouraged to check their voter registration status on that day to be sure they can vote in November at <u>https://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections</u>.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize September 20, 2022, as:

"NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY"

In the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens; further recognizing that the City of Alexandria commits to joining national efforts to support voter registration and citizen participation in elections.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of September, 2022.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk