

## ***P R O C L A M A T I O N***

***WHEREAS***, the City of Alexandria has a longstanding, demonstrated commitment to children, youth and families as articulated in the Children and Youth Community Plan vision statement, “All of Alexandria’s children and youth thrive today and tomorrow”; and

***WHEREAS***, substance use and misuse present significant health, legal and social consequences for youth and can hinder personal, professional and academic success; and

***WHEREAS***, all youth deserve to grow up happy, healthy and drug-free; and

***WHEREAS***, communities across the country celebrate **Red Ribbon Week** each October, the largest alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention awareness campaign in the United States; and

***WHEREAS***, it takes a community to teach prevention; and

***WHEREAS***, **Red Ribbon Week** provides youth and adults with an opportunity to take a united and visible stand against drugs; and

***WHEREAS***, **Red Ribbon Week** activities are conducted through a collaboration between the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria, the Alexandria City Public Schools Family and Community Engagement Center, SCAN of Northern Virginia and the Mayor’s Campaign to End Bullying.

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON***, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize October 23-31, 2024 as:

### ***“RED RIBBON WEEK”***

*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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024.

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***MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON***

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

***ATTEST:***

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*Gloria A. Sitton, CMC      City Clerk*