

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

**WHEREAS**, the Torpedo Factory Art Center, located on the historic waterfront of Alexandria, Virginia, was founded in 1974 by local visionaries and transformed a former munitions plant into a thriving hub of artistic creativity and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, for five decades, the Torpedo Factory Art Center has served as a beacon of inspiration and innovation, providing a home to a diverse community of artists, showcasing an impressive range of art forms, from painting and sculpture to photography, ceramics, and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Art Center has become a cherished cultural institution, not only for the City of Alexandria but also for visitors from around the world, offering year-round access to working studios, galleries, workshops, and educational programs that foster an appreciation for the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Torpedo Factory Art Center has made significant contributions to the cultural and economic vitality of Alexandria, creating a vibrant space where art and community intersect, enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Torpedo Factory Art Center is an opportunity to celebrate its rich history, honor the artists who have contributed to its success, and reaffirm our commitment to supporting the arts and the creative spirit that drives our community forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby acknowledge and recognize:

**“THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
of  
THE TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER”**

in the City of Alexandria, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens, and extend heartfelt congratulations to the artists, staff, and supporters who have made this milestone possible. We honor the past 50 years of artistic excellence and look forward to many more years of creativity and inspiration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 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