

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

WHEREAS, the Del Ray Business Association is a dedicated organization that works with businesses and neighborhood civic associations to ensure that Del Ray is a thriving residential and commercial community in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Del Ray Business Association and DC Road Runners are celebrating the historic 50th anniversary of its annual five-mile “Turkey Trot” Road Race on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, 2025, in Del Ray, Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of our 50th Anniversary, we are extremely excited to announce the 2025 Turkey Trot Grand Marshals. They include lifelong Alexandrian and retired Alexandria Circuit Court Judge, James Clark, who has the distinct record of running for all 50 years, including running the one year the Turkey Trot was canceled due to a heavy snowstorm, and two long time DC Road Runners Race Directors Paul Thompson and Brian Danza, who were responsible for the growth and professionalism of the race; and

WHEREAS, the “Turkey Trot” is an important community event that over the last 50 years has resulted in both financial donations and the collection of a sizeable quantity of food for distribution to those in need by ALIVE!, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, over six thousand road runners from all parts of the metropolitan area, the United States, as well as from around the world, along with runners with their dogs & strollers, participate yearly in this great event; and

WHEREAS, on this 50th Anniversary, special thanks are expressed to all those organizers, volunteers, and sponsors who for the last 50 years have made it possible for this favorite holiday tradition to continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize November 27, 2025, as:

“DEL RAY ‘TURKEY TROT’ DAY”

in the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of November 2025.

MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk