

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Cora Reed, a beloved crossing guard at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy in Alexandria, Virginia was honored as one of the Commonwealth's Most Outstanding Crossing Guards, by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program on February 9, 2022; and her record of public safety has received accolades from state and local government, and the news media; and

**WHEREAS**, Cora Reed has been a crossing guard with Alexandria's Public Schools for 50 years, becoming an integral part of the Lyles-Crouch community, ensuring its students arrive to and depart school safely every day; and

**WHEREAS**, Cora Reed has reliably carried out her duties through rain, shine, and a pandemic, doing so all the while with a positive and encouraging demeanor – thus Cora Reed is not only a guardian of our city's children, but a nonpareil role model; and

**WHEREAS**, Cora Reed has promoted and embraced public safety through instructing students on proper pedestrian behavior and conduct, and by advocating for the use of speed bumps and traffic cones to foster a more protective environment around the school; and

**WHEREAS**, Cora Kelly's example and unwavering commitment to the safety of students under her watch have ensured that Alexandria is a wonderful place to learn, live, and work, and it is fitting to recognize her for her outstanding record of service to our city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize the commitment and service to the City of Alexandria, its public schools, and its residents, of:

### **"CORA REED"**

*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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

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

**ATTEST:**

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Gloria Sitton, CMC    City Clerk