

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Campagna Center began the annual tradition of an Alexandria Christmas event 56 years ago in 1966 as “A Colonial Christmas;” and

WHEREAS, Campagna Center – in partnership with the Saint Andrew’s Society of Washington, D.C., Old Presbyterian Meeting House, the Scottish Government, and the City of Alexandria – renamed the parade in 1970 to celebrate the City’s Scottish heritage, Alexandria’s unique quality of life, and the mission of the Campagna Center; and

WHEREAS, this year marks a new partnership between Campagna Center, Visit Alexandria, and the City of Alexandria, to produce the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk Parade together, preserving the biggest holiday weekend experience and ensuring the continuation of a key economic driver for the city’s small business and hospitality communities, while preserving a historic signature event that is a source of civic pride; and

WHEREAS, Former Councilwoman Redella “Del” Pepper shall serve as Grand Marshal of the parade in recognition of her status as the longest-serving member of City Council with more than 36 years of service to the people of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating over 55 years of Alexandria Head Start, a comprehensive child development program that enhances school readiness for more than 618 children from families working toward self-sufficiency; and 44 years of Campagna Kids, a before- and after-school program that serves more than 1000 children at 11 sites across the City; and

WHEREAS, Visit Alexandria serves as the premiere nonprofit destination marketing organization for Alexandria, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2022, as the:

"51st ANNIVERSARY of THE ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK PARADE"

In the City of Alexandria, and I encourage the citizens of Alexandria to observe this with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22nd day of November, 2022.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk