

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Percy Ell White was born on April 29, 1960, to the late Percy Ell White, Jr., and Ms. Elizabeth White. He graduated from DeMatha High School, was a standout athlete in basketball, later attending and playing Division I at Western Kentucky University, earning a B.A. degree in Speech Communication with a Minor in African American History. He would later play professionally, sharing his love of the sport and of education with youth; and

WHEREAS, his 27-year career in Alexandria started in February 1996, as a Probation Officer with the 18th District Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Service Unit. His decorated career received many recognitions, including awards for outstanding service from the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice and the Alexandria Sheriff's Office; after several roles in the City, he became Alexandria Gang Prevention & Intervention Coordinator in 2017; and

WHEREAS, his work included coordinating the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force and participation in the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force, RAISE, the Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying and the Social Responsibility Group. He also led the Community Parent Support Group, and was active on the Crossover Youth Practice Model and the Alexandria Racial & Ethnic Disparities workgroups. He acted as an advisor to the City Manager's office regarding justice system enhancement and was the Court Service Unit Core Equity Lead; he participated in the City's Government Alliance on Race & Equity efforts and initiatives, Equal Justice Initiative and the statewide, and Department of Juvenile Justice Equity Workgroup; and

WHEREAS, with a deep interest in African American History, he founded and developed **findfamilyroots.com**, an African-American History and Genealogy website. He shared his knowledge and craft, giving presentations at the Court Service Unit, and several local organizations; for years, held the Court Service Unit's celebration of Black History Month; he was a leader within the Court Service Unit, the city, and across the state, and will be missed for many things, including his warmth, intellect, passion, and humor.

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2023, Percy White departed this life, and in his passing leaves a community of family, friends, and colleagues, including; his mother, Elizabeth White; his two sisters, Angelia and Susan; two aunts, Virginia Woods of Kentucky and Bettie Claude of Washington, D.C.; a niece, Cathleen Keyes; two nephews, David Burrell (Portia); Leon Lampkins, a 97 year old great uncle; a host of great nieces, Jasmine Keyes; Aszia, Indeya and Egypt Burrell; Keshawna and Joshae Lampkins; great nephews, Kenneth C. Bannister and Leon Lampkins, Jr. and a host of cousins in Petersburg and Emporia, VA. His father, Percy Ell White, Jr., preceded him in death.

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 life, life's work, and many contributions to the City of Alexandria by:

“PERCY ELL WHITE, III”

In the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens, citing his life as one of remarkable example in service to others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2023.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk