

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with a national economic output of \$2.6 trillion in 2022, supporting 14.5 million American jobs; and

WHEREAS, travel spending supports vibrant communities across the United States by generating \$84 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2022 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more; and

WHEREAS, travel enables success for all industries by driving sales growth, innovation, education and operations that move our economy, our nation and Alexandria forward; and

WHEREAS, it's an important time to recognize the national impact of the travel industry and to celebrate its post-COVID resurgence; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's domestic leisure travel has bounced back and there is additional opportunity ahead with the full recovery of business and international travel; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's Fiscal Year 2023 consumption tax revenue, which includes sales, restaurant meals and hotel lodging revenue, is expected to reach a record \$81 million, in part due to the recovery of visitor spending in the city; and

WHEREAS, tax revenue generated by visitor spending saves the average Alexandria household over \$750 in local taxes per year; and

WHEREAS, travel is an essential industry that contributes to the economic health of Alexandria, benefits local businesses and improves the quality of life for our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2023, as:

“NATIONAL TRAVEL and TOURISM WEEK”

in the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens, and I urge the attention of all Alexandrians to join me in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in the city of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of May, 2023.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk