

PROCLAMATION

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6-23-15

WHEREAS, Redella S. "Del" Pepper was first elected to the Alexandria City Council in May 1985, and this year, Del Pepper will have served on the City Council for 30 consecutive years, making her the longest serving Council member in the City's history, having also served as Vice Mayor from 1996 to 1997, from 2003 to 2006 and from 2007 to 2009; and

WHEREAS, looking back at the year 1985, Ronald Reagan took his oath for a second term as the 40th President of the United States, Margaret Thatcher was the British Prime Minister, Chuck Robb was Governor of Virginia, a gallon of gas was \$1.09, a U.S. Postage stamp was 22 cents, "new" Coke was released, the charity single "We are the World" was recorded by USA for Africa, Microsoft released its first version of Windows – 1.0, and a new car cost \$9,005.00; and

WHEREAS, Del has served the City over the years on the Council of Governments Climate, Energy and Environmental Policy Commission, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Commission, the Council of Governments Water Resources Planning Board, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, the Commission on Aging, the Economic Opportunities Commission, the Commission on Information Technology, the Mayor's Task Force on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, the Library Board, the Carr/Norfolk Southern Design Review Committee, the Sister Cities Committee, the Transportation Planning Board, the Transportation Safety Commission, the Early Childhood Development Task Force, the Beauregard Street Corridor Task Force, the Alexandria-Arlington Task Force on the Waste-To-Energy Plant, the Welfare Reform Committee, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Del serves on the boards of the YMCA, the T.C. Williams PTSA, the Alexandria Arts Forum, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and is affiliated with the Urban League, the League of Women Voters, and the Sierra Club; and

WHEREAS, Del is a recipient of the Jaycees Appreciation Award, the Council of Senior Citizens Organization's Outstanding Women of Alexandria Award, and the Commission for Women's Living Legend Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council and the City of Alexandria wishes to recognize Redella S. Pepper for her 30 years of service as a member of the Alexandria City Council and her continued strong commitment to the betterment of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23rd day of June, 2015.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**

ALLISON SILBERBERG **VICE MAYOR**

JOHN CHAPMAN **COUNCILMAN**

TIMOTHY LOVAIN **COUNCILMEMBER**

PAUL SMEDBERG **COUNCILMAN**

JUSTIN WILSON **COUNCILMAN**

MARK JINKS **CITY MANAGER**

JAMES BANKS **CITY ATTORNEY**