## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alexandria recognizes the critical importance of small businesses to the economic vitality and character of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexandria acknowledges the breadth and variety of small businesses across the City; and

*WHEREAS*, over 90% of the businesses in the City have fewer than 50 employees; and

WHEREAS, small business owners provide community leadership on a variety of issues that impact the City; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has been recognized as a place where small businesses thrive, receiving accolades like Top City for Women Entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, May is Virginia Business Appreciation Month, and May 1st – 7th is National Small Business Week.

**NOW, THERFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby declare that May is:

## "SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH"

In the City of Alexandria, and I call upon our citizens to observe this month by supporting activities that focus on celebrating and enhancing our small business community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of May, 2016.

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk