

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

**WHEREAS**, the epidemic of gun violence is plaguing our nation and claiming nine children and teen lives a day; and

**WHEREAS**, over one third of American homes with children have guns many kept unlocked and loaded, and children in the United States are more likely to die of gun violence than from all natural causes combined; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign urges parents to ASK their neighbors, friends, and relatives if there is a gun in their home before sending a child over to play; and

**WHEREAS**, through a national public health campaign, the hope is that Asking will become part of good parenting vernacular; offering a real solution that all Americans can adopt to help protect our families and children and that works immediately to save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the power of the ASK campaign is its inclusion of all individuals concerned with the welfare of children, including gun owners, and makes the solution to gun violence a discussion about public safety and good parenting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2016 as:

### **“ASK DAY”**

And call upon the people of Alexandria to recognize this special observance with the 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

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**ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR**

On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk