

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia shares many of the attributes of Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, among these attributes is a thriving community of engaged residents with strong ideals of peace, community service, entrepreneurship, and both shared and diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of each of the cities of Alexandria, Virginia and Orlando, Florida includes members of the Latino, Muslim, and LGBTQ communities; and

WHEREAS, members of the Latino, Muslim, and LGBTQ communities are integral to our cities' vibrancy and success; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Alexandria, Virginia and Orlando, Florida also share committed public servants and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the devastating attack on the City of Orlando on June 12, 2016, threatened the core values of diversity and peace by the loss of those whose lives were taken, and the violence and hatred that spawned such brutality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia shares the loss suffered by the City of Orlando and its residents, as well as the core belief that hatred and violence perpetrated against any Americans, wherever committed, threaten our own peace, safety and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, that we stand firmly in solidarity with the City of Orlando, its Latino, Muslim, and LGBTQ communities, the victims' families and friends, and Americans throughout the nation in mourning this tragedy, and declare that we remain united, and that fear and hatred will not divide us. We stand with Orlando.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Alexandria, Virginia also recognizes and salutes the courage, sacrifice, and service provided by first responders and other public servants.

Adopted: _____

ALLISON SILBERBERG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk