

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

**WHEREAS**, each year, Americans generate nearly 230 million tons of municipal solid waste, which is more than 4.5 pounds per person per day, and there are many ways Alexandrians can help ensure a safe and healthy life for themselves and future generations. One of the easiest and most cost effective ways to do this is to think creatively about how to reuse items; and

**WHEREAS**, all Alexandrians have a role in helping the city achieve its sustainable living goals; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing National Reuse Day in Alexandria is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing and buying reuse products; and

**WHEREAS**, to focus the City's attention on the importance of reusing goods and materials, businesses, industries, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate National Reuse Day and are encouraging their employers, staff, customers, membership, and all citizens to pledge to reuse before buying new and avoid wasting goods and materials starting on October 20, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, leading businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals have come together to create the Reuse Alexandria coalition to provide information on the many businesses in Alexandria that sell reuse goods and materials, attract consumers for unique shopping and cultural opportunities, contribute to Alexandria's greener economy, and fulfill charitable needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of National Reuse Day in Alexandria is "Choose to Reuse;" and

**WHEREAS**, City community leaders will spread the word about Alexandria's excellent reuse initiatives, and recognize the growth of markets for reuse materials and the importance of buying reuse products.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and proclaim the day of October 20, 2016, as:

### **"NATIONAL REUSE DAY"**

With the theme, "Choose to Reuse," and encourage the community to observe this day with appropriate programs, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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*