

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center began the annual tradition of an Alexandria Christmas event 50 years ago in 1966 as “A Colonial Christmas;” and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center renamed the Parade portion of the Weekend as the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade 46 years ago in 1970 to celebrate our City's Scottish heritage, our unique quality of life, and the mission of The Campagna Center; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center in partnership with the Saint Andrew’s Society of Washington, D.C., the Scottish Government, and the City of Alexandria, hosts a weekend of festivities the first weekend in December to share Alexandria’s unique quality of life and the mission of The Campagna Center; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center has provided an arena for all volunteers to share their talents and skills in continuation of the important work of Betty Wright, Elizabeth Anne Campagna, and other community activists like Vola Lawson who, through their vision, created a safe haven in the Alexandria community where all families and children could flourish; and*

WHEREAS, *this year marks the 71st anniversary of The Campagna Center, the organization that helps children, teens and adults in Alexandria reach their potential by supplementing public services with vital pre-K education, afterschool programs, tutoring/mentoring, family support services, and English classes for immigrants; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating close to 51 years of Alexandria Head Start, a comprehensive child development program that enhances school readiness for more than 450 children from families working toward self-sufficiency; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating 38 years of Campagna Kids, a before- and after-school program that serves more than 900 children at 11 sites across the City; and*

WHEREAS, *the dedicated staff of The Campagna Center influence the lives of more than 2,000 children and their families each day; and*

WHEREAS, *the following corporations are actively supporting The Campagna Center through their sponsorship of the 46th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend: Passport Auto Group, The Campagna Center’s 2016 Business Partner of the Year; Christine Garner, Weichert Realtors; Cotton & Company, LLP; Sue & Allison Goodhart, The Goodhart Group, McEneaney Associates; Mazda North American Operations; McEneaney Associates, Inc. Realtors; Oxford Finance; The Scottish Government; TTR Sotheby’s International Realty; Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP; Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust; John and Andrea Hageman; Mercer Trigiani, LLP; Saul Ewing, LLP; Mary Ann & Dave Millard; Canfield & Associates; Clarke & Sampson, Inc.; Covanta Energy Corporation; Pat and Bill DePuy; Hudgins Law Firm, P.C.; Speck-Caudron Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors; Craig and Leslie Stevens; Fitness Together Alexandria; Mary Rood and Thomas Herlehy; Monika Jones; Anne Kelly; Laura and Tom Lawler; Tammy and Cedric Mann; Sarah and Peter McElwain; McLaughlin Ryder Investments; Renner and Company CPA, PC; Windjammer Environmental, LLC; Stearns Home Loans; The Alexandria Gazette Packet; The Mount Vernon Gazette; The Mount Vernon Voice; the City of Alexandria; and the St. Andrew’s Society of Washington, DC.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2016, as the:

"50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMPAGNA CENTER’S SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK"

And encourage the citizens of Alexandria to observe this with 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 9th day of November, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk