## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, First Night is celebrating its 22nd anniversary in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the First Night Alexandria Board of Directors is a dedicated group of residents and business people who continue to work to assure that Alexandria throws the best New Year's Eve party in the region; and

WHEREAS, the First Night Alexandria Board of Directors considers this an important economic development event for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, this event results in lots of safe, affordable and alcohol-free fun on New Year's Eve; and

**WHEREAS**, First Night Alexandria regularly attracts 10,000 people to Alexandria on December 31<sup>st</sup> and provides free admission to children 12 and younger, active military personnel and residents of Alexandria's homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, First Night Alexandria annually contributes to the music programs at George Washington and Francis Hammond Middle Schools and T.C. Williams High School; and

**WHEREAS**, First Night Alexandria will kick off this year's event with the eighth annual "Fun Hunt" at 2:00 p.m. as well as a number of other afternoon events to attract even more people to Alexandria on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim that December 31, 2016 will be a:

## "FAIR WEATHER, FUN-FILLED DAY"

Throughout the City of Alexandria.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

ALLISON SILBERBERG, MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:	
Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC	City Clerk