

# **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, *Sandy Modell, a resident of the City of Alexandria, has been a leader in Alexandria in public transit for thirty-two years; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Sandy Modell began her career with the City of Alexandria in 1984, serving as the Transit Coordinator for Alexandria's start-up bus system; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in 1989, Sandy Modell became the third woman in the nation to manage a transit company when she was promoted to General Manager of the Alexandria Transit Company (DASH); and*

**WHEREAS**, *in 2009, under Sandy's guidance, DASH partnered with the City of Alexandria to build a state-of-the-art, LEED-certified bus maintenance, storage and operations facility; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in 2010, Sandy Modell was honored by the Alexandria Commission for Women with the Leadership in Business and Career Development Award; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in 2012, Sandy Modell worked with the City of Alexandria to have DASH assume operations and management of the King Street Trolley; and*

**WHEREAS**, *by 2016, with the help her leadership, the DASH fleet had increased to eighty-five buses that now serve four million riders annually; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Sandy Modell will retire effective December 31, 2016, and will be honored and celebrated by her peers and colleagues; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Sandy will be greatly missed by DASH employees, City staff, and the entire Alexandria community for her dedication to safe, efficient, reliable, courteous, and professional public transit.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do proclaim our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to:

## **“SANDY MODELL”**

*In recognition of her retirement and distinguished contributions to a high quality of life in Alexandria.*

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