

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, George Washington, the father of our country, was an active and prominent Alexandria citizen, and considered Alexandria his home town; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, our indispensable Founding Father, dined, shopped, celebrated important occasions in his and our nation's life and attended banquets and balls held in his honor at many city taverns, including Gadsby's Tavern; and

WHEREAS, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee was established by City Council to plan and carry out our City's annual George Washington Birthday Celebration; and

WHEREAS, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee supports a variety of events throughout the month of February celebrating the life and contributions of George Washington to our city and nation; and

WHEREAS, these events include a Birthnight Banquet and Ball, a historical re-enactment of a Revolutionary War engagement, walking tours focusing on some important sites in his and our national history, ceremonies honoring and remembering those who sacrificed for our freedom, including a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown American Revolutionary War soldier, an educational symposium, a specially commissioned original poem by Alexandria's poet laureate and the nation's largest George Washington Birthday Parade; and

WHEREAS, these events may be enjoyed by all citizens and visitors to our City; and

WHEREAS, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee is to be commended for its work on behalf of the citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2017 to be:

"GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MONTH"

In honor of the 285th birthday of the first President of the United States of America.

FURTHER, I hereby welcome all visitors to our City and urge all citizens to attend and enjoy our Celebration activities offered during the month of February.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of February, 2017.

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk