

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

WHEREAS, Bernard “Ben” Brenman, USA, Ret. Col. envisioned a community archaeology program for Alexandria in which sites across the entire city representing all peoples and times would be valued by everyone living in and visiting Alexandria today; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission has established the Bernard “Ben” Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award to recognize partners who have given significant contributions toward Alexandria’s community archaeology; and

WHEREAS, the Brenman Award acknowledges high quality work, innovation, commitment or extraordinary efforts in preservation, research, protection, enhancement, creation of historic parks and open spaces, documentation, education, public appreciation and advocacy for archaeology; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 Brenman Award for **Outstanding Volunteer** is presented posthumously to Anna Lynch in recognition for her nearly 30-year dedication to researching, interpreting, and preserving Alexandria’s history and exciting generations of school children about their local history through archaeology-based lessons; for filling an important gap in our knowledge of a vital part of the City’s history with her three volume Compendium of Early African Americans in Alexandria, VA, published by Alexandria Archaeology; and for her engaging style and depth of knowledge that affected how so many visitors experienced Alexandria’s rich history and archaeology; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 Brenman Award for **Outstanding Preservation Vision** is presented to Bill Dickinson for his role in facilitating the City’s acquisition of the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, one of the earliest surviving homes in the city and possibly the least altered 18th-century home in Northern Virginia; for his innovative approach to securing grant funding to purchase the house and grounds which will be used in perpetuity as a historic site, pocket garden and park, new open space, and represents the preservation of a nationally significant architectural and cultural resource for residents and visitors; and for his dedication to enriching the historic and cultural fabric of Alexandria.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate:

“ANNA LYNCH & BILL DICKINSON”

For their work in 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 10th day of October, 2017.

MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk