PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Campagna Center began the annual tradition of an Alexandria Christmas event 51 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 47 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 72nd 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 52 years of Alexandria Head Start, a comprehensive child development program that enhances school readiness for more than 460 children from families working toward self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating 40 years of **Campagna Kids**, a beforeand 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 47th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend: Passport Auto Group, The Campagna Center's 2017 Business Partner of the year; Christine Garner, Weichert Realtors; Cotton & Company, LLP; Sue & Allison Goodhart, The Goodhart Group; Mazda North American Operations; McEnearney Associates, Inc. Realtors; Oxford Finance; The Scottish Government; TTR Sotheby's International Realty; Mary Ann Best & David Millard; Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust; Janice & Kim Abraham; Laura & Tom Lawler; TCMA, A Drew Company; John & Bridget Weaver; Mercer Trigiani, LLP; Jennifer & Timothy Gale; Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP; Patricia & Bill DePuy; Anne & Don Kelly; Caudron, Megary, Blackburn Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors; The Patterson Group; Brandywine Living; Krekeler Brower Wealth Advisors, LLC; Casey Sanford Interior Design; John & Christina Lytle; Richard Galanis; Richard Morton & Dottie Bennett; Tammy & Cedric Mann; the Beekeeper Group; Karen & Jay Beckhorn; Tom & Kristen Clark; the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C.; Buchanan, Ingersoll, Rooney, PC; Windjammer Environmental; Anne Marie & Charles Chotvacs; Brittany Patterson & Geoff Hill; Casey & John Kincheloe; Chris Moore & Brooke Terry; Danielle & Matthew Kozlowski; Elizabeth & Benjamin Klein; Jennifer Mellon & Daniel Boice; Kristin & Mason Butler; Randall & Karen Davis; Sharmili & David Edwards; Susan Spurrell Andrews & Brian Andrews, Jr.; Tracy & James Wentworth; Lindsay Hutter; Robert Ahrold; Joy Myers & Tom Barnett; Peter & Sarah McElwain; Katelin Moomau; Kristen Nunnally; Lisa Barnes; Melissa Russell; Nicole Fratianne; Sarah Dariano; Sonya Besteiro; Vanessa French; Anne Culbert; 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 2, 2017, as the:

"46th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMPAGNA CENTER'S SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK"

And encourage the citizens of Alexandria to observe this with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG

On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk