

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, First Night is celebrating its 23rd 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 31st 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 TC Williams High School; and*

***WHEREAS**, First Night Alexandria will kick off this year's event with the ninth annual "Fun Hunt" at 2:00 pm as well as a number of other afternoon events to attract even more people to Alexandria on December 31, 2017.*

***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, 2017 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 12th day of December, 2017.*

MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG

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

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, CMC City Clerk