

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on the morning of June 14, 2017, a gunman opened fire on members of the United States Congress and congressional staffers during a baseball practice at Eugene Simpson Stadium in the Del Ray neighborhood of the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Special Agents of the United States Capitol Police Special Agents immediately engaged the gunman and returned fire in an effort to end the threat to life and limb; and

WHEREAS, officers of the Alexandria Police Department responded to the location within minutes and, in coordination with the United States Capitol Police Special Agents, rapidly ended the threat to public safety posed by the gunman; and

WHEREAS, several persons were struck by gunfire and sustained serious life threatening injuries, members of the Alexandria Fire Department responded and delivered lifesaving emergency medical care to the victims despite the fact that the scene had yet to be declared safe; and

WHEREAS, deputies of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office and additional officers of the Alexandria Police Department responded to the scene and joined their public safety partners in their efforts to restore order, prevent loss of life and to protect the crime scene; and

WHEREAS, troopers from the Virginia State Police responded to the scene and joined their public safety partners in their efforts to restore order and prevent loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Department of Emergency Communications performed the difficult communications activities that enabled the first responders to perform their duties from the first call and throughout the event; and

WHEREAS, public servants from around the region, the Virginia State Police members of non-governmental organizations and members of various federal and state agencies arrived in the hours that followed to assist the City of Alexandria and its citizens in securing the scene, conducting the investigation and beginning the healing process; and

WHEREAS, members of the Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Sheriff's Office, and the Alexandria Fire Department worked together long into the evening that day to respond to community concerns and restore a sense of safety within the local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the:

**“ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE,
ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, ALEXANDRIA SHERIFF’S OFFICE,
ALEXANDRIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, AND
VIRGINIA STATE POLICE”**

For their valor, professionalism and dedication to our community in response to the events of June 14, 2017.

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