PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS**, February 17, 2018, marks the recognition of Community Lodgings, a nonprofit that was founded in December 1987 to serve the homeless and other vulnerable citizens of the City of Alexandria; and
- **WHEREAS**, Community Lodgings, in their 30 years of service to the City of Alexandria, has faithfully served our community by offering affordable housing, transitional housing, youth education and community outreach to those most in need; and
- WHEREAS, Community Lodgings is committed to a world where all families have access to housing, education and resources to achieve and sustain independence and productivity; and
- WHEREAS, Community Lodgings' transitional housing program has enabled 220 formerly homeless families to learn the skills necessary to live independently; and
- **WHEREAS**, Community Lodgings has provided hope, opportunity, support, mentoring and education to nearly 4,000 low-income children; and
- **WHEREAS**, Community Lodgings is dedicated to providing affordable housing that is safe, well-maintained, inviting, and professionally managed; and
- **WHEREAS**, Community Lodgings offers the hard-working residents of Alexandria the opportunity and advantage of living near their workplace; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is committed to continuing its partnership with Community Lodgings to ensure all citizens have access to affordable housing and educational opportunities.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Allison Silberberg, Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby declare February 17, 2018, as:

"COMMUNITY LODGINGS DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of February, 2018.

MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:
Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk