

## **PROCLAMATION**

**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 2018 Brenman Award for **Outstanding Preservation Advocate** is presented to S. Kathleen Pepper for leadership of the community preservation movement through her nearly 20-year commitment to the Alexandria Archaeological Commission and also to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; for her vision and guidance, serving as chair of both commissions; for her exceptional and lasting contributions to the interpretation of the archaeology and history the City of Alexandria, including at Jones Point, Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery, and the Waterfront; and for her dedication to public service, devoted to enriching the historic and cultural fabric of Alexandria; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2018 Brenman Award for **Outstanding City Archaeologist** is presented to Francine Bromberg in recognition for her 26 years of dedicated service to preserving and interpreting the city’s archaeology and history, and for energizing a community about what lies beneath modern Alexandria; for her tireless work to ensure that generations appreciate Alexandria’s complete and complex history through sites like Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery, the Quaker Cemetery, Shuter’s Hill, the Sugar House site, Fort Ward, and many others; for her leadership in assuring that archaeology and history are integral to all development in the City, including most recently the careful excavation, study and conservation of the first 18<sup>th</sup>-century ship and John Carlyle’s 1755 warehouse discovered along Alexandria’s waterfront; and for her dedication to sharing her wealth of knowledge of Alexandria’s history with residents, visitors, students and volunteers in our vibrant museum and in the field.

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

**“KATHLEEN PEPPER & FRANCINE BROMBERG”**

*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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

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**MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG**

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

ATTEST:

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*Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk*