

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, *The Campagna Center began the annual tradition of an Alexandria Christmas event 52 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 48 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 73rd 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 53 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 also celebrating 41 years of Campagna Kids, a before- and 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 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend: Passport Auto Group, The Campagna Center’s 2018 Business Partner of the year; Christine Garner, Weichert Realtors; Cotton & Company, LLP; Sue & Allison Goodhart, The Goodhart Group; Mazda North American Operations; McEneaney Associates, Inc. Realtors; Oxford Finance; The Scottish Government; TTR Sotheby’s International Realty; TCMA, A Drew Company; Baker Tilly; Compass Real Estate; The Lukens Company; Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust; Janice & Kim Abraham; The Patterson Group; Laura & Tom Lawler; John & Bridget Weaver; Mercer Trigiani, LLP; Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP; Patricia & Bill DePuy; Anne & Don Kelly; Brandywine Living; Richard Galanis; Richard Morton & Dottie Bennett; Tammy & Cedric Mann; Karen & Jay Beckhorn; Paula Lettice; Lauren O’Brien; Clarke & Sampson; School of Rock Alexandria; the St. Andrew’s Society of Washington, D.C.; Alamo Drafthouse Cinema; Windjammer Environmental; Anne Marie & Charles Chotvac; Brittany Patterson & Geoff Hill; Chris Moore & Brooke Terry; Elizabeth & Benjamin Klein; Randall & Karen Davis; Sharmili & Stratton Edwards; Lesley Morgan Rich & Kevin Pearson; Laura & Chris Hartman; Baiju Vora; Ed & Maria Ward; Tracy & James Wentworth; Kristen & Keith Urbahn; Shawn & Cassandra McLaughlin; Debora & George Lyon; Blaine & Amy Jackson; Gin & Eric Kinneman; John Foster; George Coyne; Liz & Matt Bowman; Kelly & Ed Donovan; Lindsay Hutter; Robert Ahrold; Joy Myers & Tom Barnett; Peter & Sarah McElwain; Melissa Russell; Nicole Fratianne; Sarah Dariano; Sonya Besteiro; Diane Darvey; Krista Tongring; Nicole Selby; The Alexandria Gazette Packet; The Mount Vernon Gazette; and the City of Alexandria.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2018, as the:

### **"48<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMPAGNA CENTER’S SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK"**

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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