

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Corporal Charles W. Hill, born February 22, 1949, was raised in Suffolk County, New York. He became a New York City Police Officer and then honorably served the Alexandria Police Department for 13 years and the remainder of his life; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Hill, or "Charlie," as he was called by his fellow police officers; worked as a patrol officer before joining specialized positions that included Field Training Officer, Special Operations Team Member, Identification Technician, and Police Range Firearms Instructor. He ultimately rose to the rank of Corporal during his 13 years with the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1989, Corporal Charles W. Hill and Officer Andy M. Chelchowski were called to a hostage situation at 316 Hopkins Court. Though the suspect was wounded by a Police Sniper, he was still able to open fire, killing Corporal Hill and wounding Officer Chelchowski. Officer Chelchowski, continued to honorably serve with the Alexandria Police Department, until his end of watch four years later; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Hill's end of watch was recorded on March 22, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Virginia "Ginny" Obranovich, and their sons Charles and Robert. Robert followed in his father's footsteps and currently serves with the Alexandria Police Department; and

WHEREAS, each year on March 22nd, family members, friends, and the Alexandria Police Department meet at Charles Hill Park in Del Ray to commemorate, gather in his name, and revitalize the park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby annually recognize March 22, 2019, as:

"CHARLIE HILL DAY"

In the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th Day of March, 2019.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk