

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is committed to fostering healthy, resilient communities and healthy environments for those who live, work, and play here; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria Health Department's mission is to Protect and Promote Health and Well-being in our Communities; its vision is: Healthy People, Healthier Communities; and its values are: Working Together, Improving Continuously, Making a Difference; all of which are in alignment with the City of Alexandria's Vision for healthy residents of all ages and embraces the City's values of respect, teamwork, integrity, and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria Health Department, a local district of the Virginia Department of Health, provides essential public health services to Alexandrians: operating public health specialty clinics and public health nursing services that are an essential component of Alexandria's healthcare system and safety net; helping families, agencies, and businesses prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies; assessing and supporting food safety and aquatic health; providing vital records; providing enhanced and professional management of governmental financial resources by exercising prudence and integrity in the management of all financial transactions; investigating communicable diseases and offering technical assistance to prevent the spread of disease; researching, monitoring, analyzing, and interpreting public health data to guide program and policy development; supporting practices, policies, research, and system changes, with an emphasis on equity, to provide opportunities for all Alexandrians, to enjoy complete physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and Alexandria Health Department observe National Public Health Week from April 1 – 7, 2019 to highlight issues important to improving our community's health and to recognize the contributions of public health practitioners; to ensure everyone has a chance at a long and healthy life; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Alexandria Health Department celebrates 100 years of service, dedication, and exemplary commitment to the health and wellness of all Alexandrians; and continues its efforts to advance "Healthier People, Healthier Communities."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and congratulate:

**"ALEXANDRIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
AND ITS DEDICATED EMPLOYEES"**

For their service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26th day of March, 2019.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk