

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. ____

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia, recognizes and values its role as an integral part of the economically vibrant and socially diverse National Capital Region;

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region functions most effectively to enhance the social and economic well-being of its residents, businesses and visitors, and to ensure a growing economy, when its jurisdictions collaborate to address regional challenges and design and implement regional policies and plans;

WHEREAS, for the natural environment of the National Capital Region to be protected, regional cooperation is necessary to improve air quality, water quality and ecology;

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region is comprised of 14 cities, eight counties, and many towns in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region is home to approximately 5.5 million residents and is projected to have 6.9 million residents by the year 2045;

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region is comprised of interconnected and often interdependent networks of streets, roads, bridges, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and transit systems, as well as sanitary sewer, stormwater and water infrastructure;

WHEREAS, National Capital Region jurisdictions support each other's police, fire services, and emergency medical services on a daily basis by responding to requests for service across jurisdictional boundaries through automatic aid and mutual aid agreements;

WHEREAS, because the National Capital Region includes the seat of the government of the United States, a coordinated metropolitan homeland security plan is in the interest of national and regional security;

WHEREAS, Effective regionalism means prioritizing the interests of the region as a whole over local jurisdictional self-interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The City of Alexandria, Virginia, recognizes the benefits of regionalism for Alexandria and the entire National Capital Region;
2. The City of Alexandria, Virginia, recognizes the interests for the good of the region are often paramount compared to the interests of an individual jurisdiction;

3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, pledges its best efforts and faithful cooperation in working with other jurisdictions and regional bodies within the National Capital Region, as well as working with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the United States Government in addressing regional issues, and designing and implementing regional policies and plans;
4. The City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, further pledges the exercise of leadership on regional matters by its members and City staff through the active participation on regional boards, commissions and committees; and
5. The City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, urges other jurisdictions within the National Capital Region to adopt similar resolutions and take actions showing their support for regionalism.

Adopted:

Justin M. Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk