

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ever since humankind could look up at night, we have been mystified by the heavens, and have sought to explore them and know them, whereby discovering their history and future just as much as our own; and

WHEREAS, Ana Humphrey, a senior at T.C. Williams High School, is one of those investigators and explorers, and for the past six years has been on her own path to explore the heavens and the existence of planets outside our solar system through the scientific method of question, trial and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, her method of mathematical modeling led to a path possibly pointing out the existence of 560 planets undiscovered as of yet, narrowing their locus down to 96 key areas; and

WHEREAS, Ana Humphrey was awarded first place and \$250,000, surpassing more than 2,000 other students in the Regeneron Science Talent Search, and Ana Humphrey is the first student of Hispanic origin to receive the award in 20 years. And this said talent search is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science, technology, engineering and mathematics competition for high school seniors, and Regeneron program alumni include recipients of the most honored math and science honors: including 11 National Medals of Science, 18 MacArthur Foundation Fellowships, two Fields Medals and 13 Nobel Prizes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize that Ana Humphrey is now in the constellation of such award winners, and she represents our City well henceforth as she lights her new path, as we honor:

“THE 2019 REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH AWARD TO ANA HUMPHREY”

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 23rd day of April, 2019.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk