

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, after serving the City of Alexandria as the elected Clerk of Circuit Court for 40 years, Ed Semonian, Jr., is retiring at the end of this year; and

**WHEREAS**, he has focused on service at the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, to each member of the public the office comes into contact with, including but not limited to: attorneys, newly-married couples, ministers, pro se litigants, grieving families, law enforcement personnel, City residents and the general public in need of legal paperwork, serving all requests in a friendly and accessible way; and

**WHEREAS**, he has done so with a dedicated leadership and a supportive management style, thus bolstering our City's reputation of friendliness to people seeking assistance in all walks of life; and

**WHEREAS**, he has served on numerous boards and commissions in the City, including 45 years of service to the Alexandria Sanitation Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the office of Clerk of Circuit Court today has 22 employees, and each staff member today and all decades past has had their own special working relationship with Ed Semonian, Jr., and he is widely known for mentoring each person to further their knowledge, and thus hone their own skills as public servants. And he also has been known to have a lighter, and human side, showing kindnesses to all patrons approaching him for all occasions; and

**WHEREAS**, he leaves a legacy of service spanning four decades, serving alongside 14 City Councils; he has sworn in scores of elected officials and magistrates, and hundreds of law enforcement personnel and firefighters since 1979.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, that:

### **“ED SEMONIAN, JR.”**

Has dutifully served for 40 years all who have come to the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court in the City of Alexandria, and he has adhered to the selfsame Oath he has administered to hundreds of persons who have raised their hand before him, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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**MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON**

On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk