PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, First Night is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the First Night Alexandria Board of Directors is a dedicated group of residents and businesspeople who continue to work to assure that Alexandria throws the best New Year's Eve party in the region; and

WHEREAS, the First Night Alexandria Board of Directors considers this an important economic development event for the City; and

WHEREAS, this event results in lots of safe, affordable and alcohol-free fun on New Year's Eve; and

WHEREAS, First Night Alexandria regularly attracts thousands of people to Alexandria on December 31st and provides live music and performing arts in a safe and fun family-friendly environment, including four Kids Karnivals to be held at city recreation centers and venues throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, First Night Alexandria will host activities at 25 venues lining the King Street Mile, including local boutiques, art galleries, and historic sites. The party will continue at the foot of King Street with a "Rockin' on the River' dance party at Waterfront Park; and

WHEREAS, First Night Alexandria will conclude with a fireworks finale along the river at Waterfront Park to ring in the New Year.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim that December 31, 2019 will be a:

"FAIR WEATHER, FUN-FILLED DAY"

Throughout the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of December, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk