

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, William "Al" Cox has provided 29 years of impeccable public service to the City of Alexandria through a variety of professional roles; and

**WHEREAS**, with 14 years of experience in architecture and historic preservation, and a Master's Degree in Urban Design and Preservation, Al Cox joined the City of Alexandria as a registered Architect in September of 1991 serving in the capacity of Urban Planner II for the Department of Planning & Zoning assigned to the Board of Architectural Review and to the City's two Historic Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time with the City of Alexandria, Al Cox rose through the ranks of Urban Planner to Urban Designer to City Architect; and, over the past ten years, to City Architect and Historic Preservation Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cox has played a key role in numerous high-profile projects within the City of Alexandria thus influencing projects within and outside of the City's Historic Districts over the course of his distinguished career including Union Station's award winning interior restorative design, the Patent & Trademark Office building, Ramsey Homes, the George Washington Parkway Gateway design, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge redesign, Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, the historic warehouse at 2 Duke Street, the Old Dominion Boat Club's new building, the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, the Indigo Hotel, the Waterfront Plan and other long range planning initiatives, design guidelines for both Historic Districts, and many other important projects which have enhanced the uniqueness and vitality of Alexandria; and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cox has through his position as City Architect and Historic Preservation Manager, in conjunction with his staff and others, conducted two Architectural Symposiums for the City; participated in innumerable historic preservation tours of the City for professional groups and visitors from near and afar; planned events for Historic Preservation Month; and, from FY 2011 to present, processed nearly 2200 administrative Board of Architectural Review (BAR) applications and nearly 1500 public hearing BAR applications; and

**WHEREAS**, Al Cox has truly committed himself to Alexandria; his ongoing architectural and historic preservation accomplishments have been recognized through a number of distinguished awards such as the Mary Wingfield Scott Award for Preservation from the AIA, a Merit Award for Relocation and Restoration of the Fitzgerald Log Cabin from the Historic Alexandria Foundation, and a Honor Award for Distinguished Contribution to Community Appearance for the Alexandria Union Station Restoration, as well as serving as Chair of the AIA's Historic Resources Committee, and as Vice-President and Board of Directors member for the AIA's Northern Virginia Chapter; and.

**WHEREAS**, Al Cox has been a true resource to colleagues here in the City, by leading Meditation Hours during employee lunch hours and helping colleagues with work-life balance programs.

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

**"WILLIAM "AL" COX"**

*For the exceptional service he has given to the City these past 29 years and his indelible role in preserving Alexandria's unique historic fabric and helping to sustain the City as a great place to live,*

*work, learn, play and shop for all Alexandrians and our visitors.*

***IN WITNESS THEREOF***, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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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*