

RESOLUTION NO. ____

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF CAEN, FRANCE

WHEREAS, Alexandria, Virginia and Caen, France have participated in shared cultural and educational exchanges since 1991 under the auspices of the Sister Cities International non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, since that time, officials from both cities have shared communications and ideas to promote that relationship, through hosting delegations of city officials, an annual D-day commemorative event, lecture series, student exchanges, intern exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic of COVID-19, which has rapidly swept the globe, is currently affecting all humanity; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic's far-reaching inflictions have cut deep into all municipalities and their citizens' quality of life and the daily municipal management, and these effects include loss of human life, staggering economic depletion, and the cities of Caen and Alexandria are no exception to this worldwide distress, as the they are both cities near even larger urban and global centers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria stands firmly in support of our Sister City, Caen, and expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Caen's first-responders, municipal leaders, service workers, educators, and citizens who employ the safest practices to help combat this scourge which has so deeply altered their way of life, bringing with it a season of grief; and

WHEREAS, this calamity is being met – and will continue to be met –with unwavering generosity of spirit, and the cities of Caen and Alexandria are no exception as partners on the front lines of this crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby extend our thoughts and support to the municipal leaders of Caen, its staff, and the great people of Caen.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of April, 2020.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk