PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the government of Alexandria, Virginia, celebrates our diverse, active, and impactful nonprofit community. The spirit of service nonprofit organizations and volunteers promote strengthens the fabric of our community and provides a voice for citizens throughout our City; and

WHEREAS, since its initial founding as a community-based organization in September 2019, the Social Responsibility Group -SRG - has organized city residents, faith-based and business leaders, and city employees to promote policies and programs that maintain safe neighborhoods, transform communities, and enrich the lives of the marginalized and disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the SRG has worked to especially support African American youth at home, in school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the SRG expanded its effort by collaborating with the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP) on the development of economic relief programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between the SRG and AEDP is ensuring that critical relief programs and funding supporting business sustainability, recovery, and growth are accessible to African American and minority business owners throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the State Corporation Commission certified the SRG's Incorporation and admitted into record the authorization to transact business subject to all Virginia laws applicable to the Corporation on February 19, 2021. The SRG is eligible and has applied for the Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

WHEREAS, as a nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Virginia the SRG will focus on four key areas: to advocate for the marginalized and disadvantaged against institutional, systemic, and structural racism, reduce poverty, create positive experiences for the City's youth, and address mental health issues to establish a healthy, positive environment for children and families in the Alexandria community; and

WHEREAS, the SRG's commitment to achieving these goals will advance Alexandria's vision to be a healthy, welcoming, and inclusive City.

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

"THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GROUP"

In the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens, for their contributions in the Alexandria community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of April, 2021.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk