

## **P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria, Virginia enjoys a sister city relationship with the City of Caen in Normandy, France, characterized by educational, commercial, and cultural cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, the assault on the Normandy beaches of Nazi-occupied France near our Sister City Caen on June 6, 1944 by the United States and its allies, popularly known as “D-Day,” was one of the most important efforts of World War II, and the success of that operation led to the defeat of Nazi Germany, the liberation of western Europe, and the advancement of freedom, democracy, and shared prosperity between the United States and western Europe in the post-war world; and

**WHEREAS**, sons and daughters of the City of Alexandria participated in that great operation and in the larger war effort of which it was a part, in some cases making the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the global pandemic of 2020-2021, the citizens of Alexandria and Caen renewed and expanded their bonds virtually and look forward to building greater links when a new normality returns; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria remembering this critical moment in world history educates our community, honors our veterans, and strengthens sister city camaraderie by recognizing this time when the endeavors of our two nations overlapped and changed the course of history.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Justin Wilson, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June as:**

### **“77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-DAY Commemoration Month”**

*in the City of Alexandria and call upon the citizens of Alexandria to remember and reflect on the Normandy landings, and to participate in public commemorations of the wartime landings and Alexandria’s postwar relationship with Caen.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

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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