

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Campagna Center began the annual tradition of an Alexandria Christmas event 55 years ago in 1966 as “A Colonial Christmas;” and

WHEREAS, Campagna Center renamed the Parade portion of the Weekend as the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade 51 years ago in 1970 to celebrate our City's Scottish heritage, our unique quality of life, and the mission of The Campagna Center; and

WHEREAS, Campagna Center in partnership with the Saint Andrew’s Society of Washington, D.C., the Scottish Government, and the City of Alexandria, hosts a weekend of festivities the first weekend in December to share Alexandria’s unique quality of life and the mission of the Campagna Center; and

WHEREAS, Campagna Center has provided an arena for all volunteers to share their talents and skills in continuation of the important work of Elizabeth Anne Campagna, Betty Wright, and other community activists who, through their vision, created a safe haven in the Alexandria community where all families and children could flourish; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 76th anniversary of Campagna Center, the organization that helps children and families in Alexandria from cradle to career with educational supports so that they can reach their full potential and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating over 55 years of **Alexandria Head Start**, a comprehensive child development program that enhances school readiness for more than 618 children from families working toward self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating 44 years of **Campagna Kids**, a before- and after-school program that serves more than 1100 children at 11 sites across the City; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff of the Campagna Center influence the lives of more than 2,000 children and their families each day; and

WHEREAS, the following business and philanthropic leaders are actively supporting Campagna Center through their sponsorship of the 50th Anniversary Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend: Passport Auto, The Goodhart Group, and all sponsors at the Merry & Bright, Deck the Halls, Peace on Earth, ‘Tis the Season, and Yuletide level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 4, 2021, as the:

"50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMPAGNA CENTER’S SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK"

And encourage the citizens of Alexandria to observe this with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of November, 2021.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk