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

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria thrives on an informed, engaged, and active residency; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria Academy programs foster resident engagement through meaningful opportunities for those who live or work in the City; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria Academy programs offer more than ten courses annually which build community partnerships across our City priorities including public safety, adult and aging services, energy efficiency, and state and local government; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria Academy stands as a pillar which provides first-hand experience with City services and staff which educate participants on how to make positive, longstanding impact throughout our community; and*

***WHEREAS**, this cohort of students serves as the inaugural class of our City of Alexandria Academy whose objective is to not simply learn about city services and operations but bring about change in our neighborhoods, community, and City; and*

***WHEREAS**, over the past two months, this cohort has expressed an interest in being leaders in the community, for our youth and families, in public arts and work, across history and culture, and with our limited English proficiency population; and*

***WHEREAS**, since 2004, our Alexandria City Academy has hosted approximately 1,200 participants, logged more than 900 service hours, invited over 25 community partners and stakeholders, and visited more than 15 of our neighborhoods; and*

***WHEREAS**, this group of 30 students has visited locations around the City of Alexandria and heard from City departments and partners about how they can become more involved.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize:*

"THE ALEXANDRIA CITY ACADEMY SPRING 2025 GRADUATING CLASS"

For our Spring 2025 Cohort's completion of the Alexandria City Academy and commitment to bettering the city in which they live.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2025*

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MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk