



## ***RECOGNITION***

### **DOREEN GENTZLER**

**WHEREAS**, Doreen Gentzler was raised in the Dominion Hills neighborhood of Arlington County until the age of 11; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gentzler graduated from the Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gentzler worked as a television news anchor in Charlotte, North Carolina; Cleveland, Ohio; Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989 Ms. Gentzler returned to the Washington, DC area and joined NBC4 Washington as the only female news anchor, where she quickly became a household name throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gentzler co-anchored the NBC4 nightly news for 33 years, working with Jim Vance for the first 28 years to turn the program into a popular and in-depth source of local, regional, national, and international news, eventually drawing in more viewers in the DC area than major cable news networks; and

**WHEREAS**, during Ms. Gentzler's career at NBC4, she also reported on local health and medical news, and traveled abroad to report in Bosnia, Ecuador, and from the USNS Comfort Hospital Ship; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gentzler has become known to Arlingtonians and the Washington region as a trusted, empathetic, and passionate journalist who is dedicated to serving her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gentzler maintains her connections to the Arlington community, particularly enjoying Signature Theatre in Shirlington and the W&OD bike trail;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia, do hereby recognize on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023,

### **DOREEN GENTZLER**

for her strong and long-lasting connection with Arlington County, her contributions over 30 years of sharing our community's most important stories with honesty and empathy, and in celebration of her extraordinary career as a television news anchor on the occasion of her retirement.

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Christian Dorsey  
Chair