

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

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BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE MONTH

WHEREAS, the fabric and foundation of Virginia is enriched by the diversity of cultures and traditions represented by the residents of this great region; and

WHEREAS, the greatness of our nation stems primarily from the rich diversity of its people and immigrants from all over the world, including those from Asia and the Pacific Islands, who have flocked to our shores seeking economic and political opportunities associated with the American dream, and have brought with them a vibrant array of cultures and traditions that enrich the heart and spirit of America; and

WHEREAS, early in our nation's history, Asian and Pacific Islanders came to build transactional railroads and settlements, and harvest an abundant bounty from our forests, oceans and rivers; and

WHEREAS, while encompassing many histories, languages and diverse cultures and sharing common American experiences, Asian-Pacific Americans have achieved exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, politics, education, community service, arts, and sciences; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Bangladesh Independence Month, a variety of community celebrations planned throughout Arlington County, in Virginia during March will include culture, artistic, educational and historical activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing MARCH 2022 as

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Katie Cristol
Chair