



PROCLAMATION

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HALL'S HILL / HIGH VIEW PARK 150TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The community known as Hall's Hill / High View Park was originally part of the estate of Bazil Hall, who owned 327 acres in what was then referred to as Alexandria County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Newly-freed slaves, shortly after the Civil War, purchased plots of land from the Hall estate, as Bazil Hall had abandoned the area during the war. Hall's Hill / High View Park residents established their own stores, churches and schools; and

WHEREAS, Calloway United Methodist, the community's first church, was organized in 1866, and 102 years later became one of the host churches during Dr. Martin Luther King's "Poor People's March on Washington," providing meals and lodging for some of the participants of Resurrection City; and

WHEREAS, In 1918, Hall's Hill / High View Park residents organized Fire Station #8 because their community was denied service from any of the existing white stations. Fire Station #8 was the first and only station in Arlington with paid black firemen; and

WHEREAS, In the 1950's and 1960's Hall's Hill / High View Park residents united together to integrate schools, housing, theaters, hospitals, libraries and eating facilities. In 1959, for the first time in Arlington's history, black students were allowed to attend Stratford Junior High School, setting the precedent for desegregating schools throughout the County and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The Hall's Hill / High View Park community today is a racially diverse and inclusive neighborhood with a rich and significant history. New and long-term residents continue to work together to maintain the historical, cultural and aesthetic values the neighborhood has celebrated for 150 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia proclaim that Arlington County recognizes

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by celebrating its rich history and the long, important role that Hall's Hill / High View Park has played in Arlington County.

Libby Garvey
Chair

