



PROCLAMATION

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ARLINGTON HOSTS LIONS CLUB YEAR

WHEREAS, on December 6, 1936 the Arlington Host Lions Club was chartered by a group of service-minded businessmen dedicated to raising awareness and financial support for the health and welfare of our community's less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Host Lions have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in their 80 years of service to provide the blind and visually impaired with specialty equipment and service dogs through Leader Dogs, Guiding Eyes, and Canine Companions, and have provided hundreds of thousands of free vision and hearing screening tests to Arlington residents; and

WHEREAS, in their 80 years of service the men and women of Arlington Host have unselfishly dedicated their time and talents to many community events and projects including the formation of the Northern Virginia Eyeglass Recycling Center having now sent over one million pairs of refurbished eyeglasses to countries all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Host Lions live the Lions' motto of "We Serve" by working alongside many community organizations including Doorways for Women and Families, Arlington Thrive, Virginia Hospital Center Foundation, Community Residences, Arlington Free Clinic, Arlington Food Assistance Center, Phoenix Bikes, Crisis Link, Marymount University and Aleethia Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Lions Club International is the world's largest service organization, comprised of 46,000 clubs and 1.4+ million members in more than 206 countries; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Arlington Host Lions Club can be attributed to the efforts of the Lions Club members, their families, their sponsors, and the generosity of the community in supporting their fundraisers;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim that 2016-2017 marks the

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in Arlington, and its 80th Anniversary will be celebrated throughout the years of 2016/2017 in honor of their on-going service and support to our community

Libby Garvey
Chair