

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

## COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY

**WHEREAS**, the sharing of ideas and information helps to build common understanding and common values within a community, and access to information in today's media environment is critical to the healthy functioning of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, community media organizations provide a means for diverse communities to tell their stories, hear each other's stories, and create new stories together; and

**WHEREAS**, community media organizations provide information to the community that is not covered by the mainstream commercial media; and

**WHEREAS**, community media organizations provide people with the skills necessary for the creation, sharing, and consumption of knowledge and ideas through media; and

**WHEREAS**, community media plays a vital role in encouraging conversations about our common interests, increasing discourse around policy issues, fostering understanding of local cultures, and sharing information to improve our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, community media connects community organizations, schools, and local governments to their constituents and is an important resource for participating in local democratic policy and processes; and

**WHEREAS**, communities benefit from increased general awareness of, viewing audiences for, and creators of media content created by and for the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, proclaim **October 20, 2023**, as

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and call upon Arlingtonians to promote the importance of community media, the training available at Arlington Independent Media, and the programming available on WERA 96.7 FM.



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Christian Dorsey  
Chair