ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Droclamation

ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM 60th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Arlington Neighborhoods Program (formerly "Neighborhood Conservation Program") was established in 1964 to enhance and promote Arlington County's residential neighborhoods as desirable places to live through a meaningful local government partnership with community members; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Neighborhoods Program has been a leader and model in support of equity throughout the County, starting with the County Board's acceptance of the program's first neighborhood plan and first neighborhood capital improvement project in Arlington View; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Neighborhoods Program empowers residents to set priorities for neighborhood improvements through their preparation of Neighborhood Plan documents, which are presented to and accepted by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, Arlington residents have long committed to participating in the Arlington Neighborhoods Program through civic association volunteer representation on the Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC); and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Neighborhoods Program fosters civic engagement through resident-led planning and collective decision-making with a focus on resident-initiated, small-scale capital projects; and

WHEREAS, this year we mark and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Arlington Neighborhoods Program which has responded to resident-initiated project requests through construction of well over 600 capital improvement projects in the past 60 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby recognize the

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and urge our residents to celebrate the success of this important program because it reminds us how the this partnership and resident engagement has strengthed the bonds between our local government and neighborhood communities.



Libby G Chair