

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## Proclamation

### DARK STAR PARK DAY

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County began its public art program by commissioning *Dark Star Park* which was completed forty years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, *Dark Star Park*, created by sculptor Nancy Holt became Rosslyn's first public art piece and established its commitment to public art in Arlington County; and

**WHEREAS**, this commitment was solidified with the County's adoption of a Public Art Policy and a Public Art Master Plan which encourages developers working in Arlington County to include public art in their building projects and also requires the County to include public art in an array of civic buildings, parks and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington's public art collection today includes over seventy permanent works located throughout the County and reflects the County's values, diverse traditions, and civic pride; and

**WHEREAS**, *Dark Star Park* transformed its site, formerly home to a gas station and warehouse, and at the time of the commission in 1979, featured weeds, broken asphalt, collapsed fencing, and fragments of glass and rusty steel; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Holt's own artistic language, bent toward the use of industrial materials and exploration of issues surrounding site reclamation and reuse, echo the site's past and present usage and situation within a busy and highly developed commercial zone;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby declare August 1, 2024 as

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in Arlington County, and urge all citizens to reflect on the successes of the park.



  
Libby Garvey  
Chair

