

PROCLAMATION

WALK MONTH

WHEREAS, walking is an effective and sustainable form of transportation, helping to reduce traffic congestion and to conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, walking to work benefits both employees and employers through better health and fitness, and reduced commuting and parking costs; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is home to an expansive walking network, including some of the region's most popular trails; and

WHEREAS, Arlington continues to invest in pedestrian safety and infrastructure improvements through Vision Zero and other County and regional transportation engineering projects; and

WHEREAS, Arlington community members are involved in shaping County, regional, state, and national transportation and community policies, which have advanced local efforts to encourage more walking and enhance walkability across Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Arlington is recognized as a Platinum-Level Walk Friendly Community by the national Walk Friendly Communities program and continues to strive for improvement; and

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **April 2025**, as WALK MONTH in Arlington County and urge all residents to support and participate in activities that promote walking, community health, environmental sustainability.

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