



PROCLAMATION

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK

WHEREAS, every 23 seconds, a Fire Department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation; and

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 3,670 civilian deaths and 79% of these fatalities in 2023 occurred in the home; and

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 13,350 civilian injuries and 77% of these injuries in 2023 were also related to fires in the home; and

WHEREAS the Fire Department and its emergency medical services have responded to an increase in medical calls for service, accounting for 70% of the department's call volume in 2024; and

WHEREAS Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed process to identify local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence; and

WHEREAS the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on fire service members; and

WHEREAS the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency incidents for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's: Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive.

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim January 20 – January 26, 2025, as **COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION (CRR) WEEK** to raise awareness of the importance of Risk Reduction and to make our Arlington County community safer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Takis Karantonis", with a horizontal line underneath.

Takis Karantonis
Chair