PROCLAMATION

LYON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER CENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, the Lyon Park Community Center and park were established in 1925 as an amenity and gift from developer Lyon & Fitch to offer a recreation space and a fellowship location for community members; it is one of only three such private community centers owned and managed by an Arlington civic association; and

WHEREAS, the Lyon Park community has exquisitely maintained the Community Center over the past hundred years under the governance of the Board of Governors, representing the Lyon Park Citizens Association and Lyon Park Womans Club; and

WHEREAS, the Lyon Park community has come together for the financing and expansion of the Community Center to make it accessible to the community, improve its usefulness, and bring it up to modern code and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the Lyon Park community has maintained the Community Center, respectful of the architecture of the era in which it was originally constructed, and mindful of the community-centric mission; and

WHEREAS, Lyon Park sponsors a wide range of open invitation events at the Community Center and park, including the Halloween Bonfire, Spring Fair, chili cook-offs and pancake breakfasts, cupcake sales, holiday parties, and food truck festivals; and

WHEREAS, the Lyon Park Community Center brings together a community in which each person is important, recognizing its history and seeking the participation of all members of the community, regardless of age, race, or background; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated community members in Lyon Park to preserve the aspects of the heritage that have shaped us as a people;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby recognize the **LYON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER CENTENNIAL** in Arlington County and urges the residents of Lyon Park and all of Arlington County to join celebrating this milestone occasion.

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Chair