## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

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### ARLINGTON PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, April 2022 is Arlington Preparedness Month, as declared by the Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Preparedness Month seeks to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to be better prepared; and

WHEREAS, preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, deadbolt locks, and extra food; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County's Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management and the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC) are encouraging Arlingtonians to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Preparedness Month is an opportunity for all residents and employees to prepare for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County encourages residents to be informed about different threats, make an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency communications plan, sign up for free training opportunities and alerts, and get involved in protecting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, preparedness is everyone's responsibility;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as

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in Arlington County and urge all citizens to take steps to protect themselves and their loved ones by preparing for emergencies.

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Chair