



## PROCLAMATION

### HONORING JUDGE ESTHER L. WIGGINS

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, The Honorable Esther L. Wiggins was appointed as Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge for the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Wiggins graduated from Old Dominion University in 1983 and received her Juris Doctorate from Howard University School of Law in 1986 with Honors; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to becoming a Judge, Esther L. Wiggins worked in the Arlington Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, where she tried many felony jury trials and prosecuted violent crimes committed by juveniles in Arlington County and in the City of Falls Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Wiggins has been an active member of the Arlington County Bar since 1986 where she served as the Secretary of the Bar from January 1995 to June 1997, and Treasurer from June 1997 to June 1998, and Chairman of the Criminal Law Seminar from 1994-1996; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 1998, the Circuit Court appointed Judge Wiggins to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Bench; and she was elected by the General Assembly in 1999 and reappointed in 2005 and 2011, and served as Chief Judge for two-year periods beginning in 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Wiggins has demonstrated the highest commitment to Arlington's children, youth and families through her unfailing efforts leading the GirlTalk and RealTalk seminars, mentoring in the Arlington Parenting Teen Program, organizing food and gift drives, and speaking to parent groups and students about the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Wiggins is a member of Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church, where she served on the Trustee Board for over six years; was Treasurer of the Church, and served as a Sunday school teacher and mentor for Sisters Providing Information through Christian Encouragement; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Wiggins was one of the recipients of the Person of Vision Award presented by the Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Libby Garvey, Chair, of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, hereby commend,

### THE HONORABLE JUDGE ESTHER L. WIGGINS

Whose service and reputation for excellence has brought credit to herself, her profession, the courts of this Commonwealth, and to Arlington County for 30 years.

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Libby Garvey  
Chair