

PROCLAMATION

National Volunteer Week

WHEREAS, millions of American volunteers give their time to help others, contributing over 30 million volunteer hours per year worth over \$635 million; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974, and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week captures the power of changemakers to come together to build stronger, more vibrant communities through service.

WHEREAS, volunteers in Arlington mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's volunteers are young, old, families, workers, retirees, men and women of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that Arlington is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, organizations in Arlington that rely on volunteers include the City and such fundamental organizations as Arlington Public Schools, Stilly Valley Center, and the Arlington Community Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, volunteers play a critical role in determining the direction of the city now and in future years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Vanney, Mayor of Arlington, do hereby proclaim April 27 to May 4, 2025 as National Volunteer Week in the City of Arlington, and urge citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor

April 21, 2025
Dated

