

PROCLAMATION

Taste of Old Town North Weekend

WHEREAS, Old Town North is a vibrant and welcoming community that celebrates Alexandria's rich history, local businesses, arts, and culture, and the people who make the neighborhood a special place to live, work, visit, and gather; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Taste of Old Town North has become a beloved community tradition, bringing residents, families, friends, and visitors together to enjoy the outstanding restaurants, small businesses, nonprofits, artists, and cultural offerings of Old Town North; and

WHEREAS, the Taste of Old Town North provides a free, family- and pet-friendly opportunity for the community to come together in Montgomery Park to enjoy food and drink tastings from local favorites, interactive art activities, and live music; and

WHEREAS, the weekend celebration highlights the unique character of Old Town North, including its designation as the City of Alexandria's Arts and Culture District, and demonstrates the Old Town North Community Partnership's commitment to supporting a diverse, walkable, and thriving community; and

WHEREAS, the celebration will continue with Chalk-a-Block, featuring local chalk artists, competitions, and live music, as well as the Canal Crawl, inviting participants to explore historic sites near the Canal while enjoying local bars and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, events such as these strengthen connections among neighbors, support Alexandria's small businesses and creative community, and showcase the many reasons Old Town North is an extraordinary destination within the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is grateful to the Old Town North Community Partnership, local businesses, artists, nonprofits, sponsors, volunteers, and community members whose dedication and partnership make this celebration possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the Taste of Old Town North as the opening event of a weekend celebration of the charms of Old Town North, the City of Alexandria's Arts and Culture District, and encourage all Alexandrians and visitors to join in celebrating the food, music, art, culture, businesses, and community that make Old Town North so special.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 17th day of September 2026.