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WHEREAS, Falls Church's Vision 2040 envisions the City as a "welcoming and inclusive community;" and

WHEREAS, a uniquely welcoming environment can distinguish the City, weaving together our cultural fabric, helping us to overcome forces that would divide us, enhancing our relationships, and improving the well-being of City residents through community; and

WHEREAS, a welcoming environment for all individuals also enhances the City's economic growth, global competitiveness, and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, immigrants are a vital part of our community, enriching our culture, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the vibrant diversity that our City values; and

WHEREAS, City residents have encouraged the City of Falls Church to engage with Welcoming America; and

WHEREAS, Welcoming America inspires people to build a community that embraces hospitality toward immigrants and refugees and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, Welcoming America provides resources to local governments in developing public policy models that help immigrants become full participants in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Welcoming America is leading a movement of inclusive communities to help make everyone who lives in America to feel like they belong;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia do hereby designate the week of September 13 - 22, 2019, as

WELCOMING WEEK

in the City of Falls Church and proclaim the City's support for Welcoming America by exploring ways to engage and collaborate with Welcoming Falls Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City to be affixed this 9th day of September, 2019.

David Tarter, Mayor