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AFFORDABLE HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, it is the vision of Arlington County to ensure an economically and culturally diverse, inclusive, and sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, ongoing access to expanded affordable housing choices for our low and moderate income households and workers, in the form of both rental and home ownership, is fundamental to maintaining healthy neighborhoods and families, stabilizing our local work force, and allowing our entire community to reap the benefits of Arlington's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the County Board pursues the preservation and creation of affordable housing through ordinances, plans, site plan approvals, publicly funded affordable housing programs, and other policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, as a caring community, the County has focused particular attention on the housing needs of our most vulnerable populations, including persons who have disabilities, persons who are homeless, and aging households; and

WHEREAS, the County has adopted an [Affordable Housing Master Plan](#) that outlines goals, objectives and policies to ensure an adequate supply of housing to meet the community's needs, enable access to housing and services, and contribute to the community's sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the County initiated [Housing Arlington](#) in 2019 to pursue new and creative ways to expand the supply and diversity of housing in Arlington and to increase and preserve Arlington's affordable housing stock;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2020** as

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in Arlington County and encourage all members of the community to join with the County Board in striving for broad community understanding of the importance of affordable housing and housing affordability to our County's sustainability, reaffirming the benefits of affordable housing as a community value, and promoting affordable housing choices for all Arlingtonians.

Libby Garvey
Chair