



## PROCLAMATION

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### CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most productive estuary in the United States, with its watershed spanning six states and the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay watershed, covering 64,000 square miles, is an extraordinary and vital natural resource, with some of the nation's most productive farm and forest lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay is fed by 50 major tributaries, including the Susquehanna, Potomac, Rappahannock, York, and James Rivers, and stretches 200 miles from Havre de Grace, Maryland, to Norfolk, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay watershed is home to more than 18 million people, many of whom rely upon the watershed's natural resources for their livelihood and recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay produces more than 500 million pounds of seafood harvest each year for Virginia and the east coast of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 83,000 farms in the Chesapeake Bay watershed contribute more than \$10 billion to the regional economy and provide food for millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the rich history, pivotal economic importance, and astounding beauty of the Chesapeake Bay watershed never cease to amaze residents and visitors alike;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia do hereby proclaim June 6-14, 2020 as

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in Arlington and urge all residents to participate in events, activities, and educational programs designed to increase awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in our community.

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Libby Garvey  
Chair