



## PROCLAMATION

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### VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the education of Virginia's school -aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our commonwealth is built; and

**WHEREAS**, locally elected and appointed school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Virginia's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national and global 21st Century knowledge economy; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members work with parents, businesses, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme – *Excellence Through Equity* - reflects the top priority of local school board members as they advocate for public education with local, commonwealth, and federal leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board Appreciation Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of Virginians who champion the mission of public education and school board members;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia, do hereby recognize the contributions of the local school boards to the academic success of its public school students and express sincerest recognition to local board members for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the commonwealth, and proclaim **February 2020**, as

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encouraging local school divisions and community leaders to appropriately recognize our commonwealth's dedicated school board members.

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Libby Garvey  
Chair