

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the streams and tributaries that flow above and below the ground through the City of Falls Church are part of an interconnected watershed system that carries water from rooftops, yards, streets, and parking lots into the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church is committed to improving and protecting these precious waters as habitat for plant and animal life, as a recreational resource, and as drinking water, both now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 215 commercial and residential properties in the Falls Church City portion of the Tripps Run and Four Mile Run floodplains; and

WHEREAS, the City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, which recognizes and encourages community floodplain management and through which flood insurance rates may be reduced to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from community activities that meet targeted goals; and

WHEREAS, the City provides opportunities to residents, businesses, schools, churches, and organizations to participate in watershed and floodplain education efforts; and

WHEREAS, many city residents have responded by participating in programs that serve to raise awareness about what individuals can do on their properties, in their homes, and through their transportation choices to improve water quality and minimize their impact on the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken a city-wide comprehensive effort to examine our watershed and to develop a plan for improving it and recognizes the importance of increasing public awareness of watershed and floodplain protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID TARTER, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

### WATERSHED AND FLOODPLAIN AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Falls Church and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of this observance and to participate in watershed and floodplain protection activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, to be affixed this 2nd day of May, 2022.

  
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David Tarter, Mayor

