

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

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COMMENDING THE HONORABLE KATIE CRISTOL FOR HER SERVICE AS AN ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, the Honorable Kate A. “Katie” Cristol was elected to the Arlington County Board in 2015 and upon assuming office, was the youngest woman to ever serve on the County Board, and was reelected in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cristol was elected by her colleagues to serve as the Board’s Vice Chair in 2017 and 2021, and as its Chair in 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cristol has ably represented Arlington and demonstrated commendable regional leadership by serving as a voting member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority from 2018-2023, as a Commissioner on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission which she chaired in 2020 and 2021, as a Board Member and Urban Section Chair for the Virginia Municipal League, as a Member and past Chair of the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board, and as a Member and past Chair of the Council of Government’s Human Services Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cristol has been the County Board’s long-time liaison to and Co-Chair of Project PEACE which coordinates a community response dedicated to advancing effective education, prevention, protection, and support services to end domestic and sexual violence in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cristol gave birth to her son in March 2019, and participated in an eleven-hour Board meeting the very next week; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cristol helped develop and championed the Arlington Child Care Initiative (CCI) which has eased zoning restrictions for childcare centers, modernized licensing for center and home-based childcare providers and staff and provided incentives to expand childcare availability and incentives for affordable childcare; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cristol was selected as an inaugural Fellow of the E Pluribus Unum Fellowship and developed a project reforming government funding and grantmaking to non-profit organizations to advance racial equity which is now being implemented in Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cristol has been valued by her colleagues for her commitment to meticulous preparation, earnest engagement and human centered leadership, and whose acumen has been integral in the Board successfully addressing issues under its purview from 2016-2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, do hereby commend Katie Cristol for her distinguished service and leadership as a Member of the Arlington County Board and on public bodies throughout the region and on behalf of Arlington, express gratitude for her service and extend our best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

Christian Dorsey
Chair