

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

## ART OF LIVING FOUNDATION

**WHEREAS**, The Art of Living Foundation, established in 1981, is a non-profit organization that promotes mental health and resilience through evidence-based techniques and training; and

**WHEREAS**, Founder Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar established the Art of Living Foundation as an educational and humanitarian non-governmental organization that formulates and implements lasting solutions to conflicts and issues faced by individuals, communities and nations; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 42 years, the Foundation has been working on mental health initiatives with veterans, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, and students across K-12 and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, Art of Living Foundation programs and initiatives have reached more than 800 million people in 180 countries and many in Arlington County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation is hosting the World Culture Festival in Washington, D.C. from September 29-October 1 and festival will bring together cultures from around the world in celebration of diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation's tireless advocacy has grown to become a model for positive mental health and the World Culture Festival created by the foundation as a powerful platform advances their vision of a more harmonious world, promoting diversity and inclusion on a global scale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby recognize the Art of Living Foundation's outstanding accomplishments and contributions to mental health and diversity worldwide.



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Christian Dorsey  
Chair