

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# *Proclamation*

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## ARBOR DAY

**WHEREAS**, the world community is concerned about the impacts of climate change and understand the roles trees play in mitigating its impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington has about 755,400 trees of at least 122 species worth about \$1.41 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington's trees remove about 1,235 tons/year of air pollution a year, making us healthier, preventing disease and hospital visits; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington's trees reduced 10,730,168 cubic feet/year of storm and floodwater runoff, equal to 122 Olympic-sized pools; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington's trees have saved over \$1 million annually in energy costs; and

**WHEREAS**, students in the Arlington Public Schools system will show their commitment to the environment through ceremonies at their schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt de Ferranti, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 2021 as the celebration of**

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in Arlington and urge all individuals, groups, businesses, and schools to celebrate and enjoy Arlington's outdoors and the richness of our county through the planting and conservation of trees.



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Matt de Ferranti  
Chair