



PROCLAMATION

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OPTIMIST DAY

WHEREAS, volunteers working with young people who are our joy of today and our hope for tomorrow, are exuberant representatives of the potential for the future and dreams to come true and are also unbounded in their enthusiasm to use their talents, skills, and hard work to make a difference in others' lives; and

WHEREAS, members of Optimist International celebrates Optimist Day throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote their efforts in helping and recognizing the young people who make a difference in their communities and who will encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults; and

WHEREAS, there are 2,400 Optimist Clubs, with more than 70,000 Members throughout the world that carry out more than 6,500 service projects that serve six million young people a year; and

WHEREAS, the Optimist Club of Arlington has been providing Arlington students with annual college scholarships and financial awards for its Oratorical and Essay Contest winners; and

WHEREAS, the Optimist Club of Arlington has been providing annual grants to help support numerous Arlington student intramural sports teams;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt de Ferranti, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, proclaim February 4, 2020 as

OPTIMIST DAY

in Arlington County and may this day instill pride in our County's Optimists for their accomplishments and for the impact they make in the lives of Arlington's youth.

Matt de Ferranti
Chair