P R O C L A M A T I O N

**WHEREAS**, the \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes floods are one of the most common natural disasters in the United States and can happen anytime, threatening life, property and the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the \_\_\_\_\_ has been experiencing widespread urban and/or coastal flooding due to the recent increase in high intensity precipitation events when a lot of rainfall comes down in a short period of time or coastal storm surge; and

**WHEREAS**, the \_\_\_\_ future flood risk will increase as a result of rising sea levels and increased frequency and intensity of storms as projected by the \_\_\_\_\_ Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the \_\_\_\_\_ joins in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and participates in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) whereby residents purchasing NFIP backed flood insurance receive up to a \_\_\_ discount; and

**WHEREAS,** Flood Awareness Week is intended to educate Louisianans as to the potential risk to life and property from flooding and to promote flood insurance and safety precautions; and

**WHEREAS**, we ask all \_\_\_\_\_\_ to observe Louisiana Flood Awareness Week by preparing their homes for floods, adhere to prudent land-use planning, including the purchase of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed to strengthening our flood mitigation strategies and management and have established the \_\_\_\_\_\_ initiative to pursue those capital and programmatic solutions;

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the professional staff from the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ for the important role they play in making our public infrastructure more resilient and safer for residents every day and in times of disaster;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_**, \_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_, Louisiana, and on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ Council, do hereby recognize August 21, 2023 through August 25, 2023 as:

**“LOUISIANA FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK 2023”**

In the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and hereby commend all persons who are committed to and work toward becoming a more resilient city.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have here unto set my hand and caused of Seal of the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to be affixed this 24th day of August, 2022.

*Justin M. Wilson, Mayor*

On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Louisiana

*ATTEST:*

*Gloria A. Sitton, City Clerk*