

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2017, the James Madison High School Band, directed by Michael S. Hackbarth has been recognized as a National Winner of the prestigious National Band Associate's Blue Ribbon Award; and

WHEREAS, the JMHS received the Southern Division Award in the fall of 2017 and joins three other programs recognized as 2017 National Recipients; and

WHEREAS, awards are based on a lengthy comprehensive application process where at least 35 minutes of recorded music from at least two different school years with certain defined types of music are submitted, and

WHEREAS, written submission materials include a list of all honors and awards received in the last four years, which include the Sudler Flag of Honor, State of Virginia Honor Band Award, JMHS Marching Ensemble Grand Champions of the James Madison University Parade of Champions Competition, the USBands Marine Corp Invitational and the USBands Northern Virginia Regional Competition, to name a few; and,

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Award is designed to recognize band programs that demonstrate excellence in all facets over a sustained period of time, programs and educators which challenge students and promote standards of excellence are honored nationally through this award; and

WHEREAS, the National Band Association, founded in 1960, is the largest professional organization for bands in the world. Organized to promote the musical and education significance of bands and is dedicated to the attainment of a high level of excellence for bands and band music; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. DiRocco, Mayor of the Town of Vienna, Virginia and on behalf of the entire Town Council, congratulate Mr. Michael S. Hackbarth and all the students of the JMHS Band Program for their outstanding achievement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Town of Vienna to be affixed hereto this twenty first day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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Laurie A. DiRocco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie J. Clark, CMC  
Town Clerk