

**WHEREAS**, the Lions Club of Vienna instituted the Vienna Little League in 1952. In the league's inaugural year, 175 youngsters participated, with games being played at Glyndon Park and on various school fields; and

**WHEREAS**, the first youth baseball field at Glyndon Park was built through the efforts of Lions club members and parents. In 1955, the original dugouts were rebuilt through the assistance of local companies and in 1956, Lions Club members and volunteers constructed a concession stand at Glyndon, with the VLL Ladies Auxiliary staffing the stand; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1959, Steve Yeonas, of the Yeonas Development Company graciously offered and subsequently deeded to the league about two acres of land near the Town's South Side then waste-water treatment plant. Subsequent to the donation of the land for baseball fields, Vienna Little League, Inc. was officially incorporated, and volunteers were enlisted to raise money and provide labor to build a ballpark, complete with fences, a backstop, refreshment stand, and parking lot; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1960s, following a series of property exchanges relating to the construction of Interstate 66, VLL was able to acquire all the land on which George C. Yeonas Park is situated today; and

**WHEREAS**, each spring, the Vienna Little League enrolls nearly 1,000 children aged 4-13 in its baseball programs typically forming approximately 90 teams, and in the fall the League operates a developmental second season with an enrollment of around 600 children; and

**WHEREAS**, for seventy-five years the Vienna Little League has inspired hundreds of players, coaches, families and fans, creating cherished memories and lifelong friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, Vienna Little League has established itself as a cherished youth sports program in Vienna with a multi-state reputation as a model volunteer run organization; and

**WHEREAS**, our community recognizes the positive impact that the Vienna Little League has on the lives of young people and celebrates its role in uniting people of all backgrounds through the love of baseball and good sportsmanship;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Linda J. Colbert, Mayor of the Town of Vienna along with Members of the Town of Vienna Town Council do hereby proclaim April 27, 2026, as

## **Vienna Little League Day**

In Vienna, Virginia, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating this remarkable legacy and the bright future of the Vienna Little League in their 75<sup>th</sup> season and join the Mayor and Town Council in its cheer of "Play Ball".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Vienna to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Linda J. Colbert, Mayor

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Shelley M. Kozlowski, CMC  
Town Clerk