

WHEREAS, the year 2019 represents the 90th Anniversary of the Ayr Hill Garden Club and,

WHEREAS, on May 21, 1929 a group of women met to organize a garden club for the purpose of stimulating an interest in gardening and beautifying Vienna and its environs and,

WHEREAS, the women decided to call this group Ayr Hill Garden Club after Vienna's original name and,

WHEREAS, the club was committed to service and determined to make their community a better place and,

WHEREAS, the club was dedicated to improving important buildings in town and landscaped the first bank, the trolley station, the Little Library, Vienna School, the post office and many other sites and,

WHEREAS, the club supports horticultural and environmental education through programs, workshops and flower shows. It has held over 50 flower shows since 1929 and continues to have a flower show at least every other year, currently at the annual Walk in the Hill which was started by the club in the 1970s and,

WHEREAS, The club has inspired the community to participate in horticultural improvement through local and national contests, junior garden clubs, mentoring scouts, and its stirring 1950s proclamation on saving trees: "*The attractiveness of Vienna and its claims to distinction as a typical Virginia Village is due, in great measure, to its beautiful trees, a growth of many decades* and,

WHEREAS, The club now maintains many public gardens in Vienna: the garden on the bike path near Whole Foods since 1981; the garden at Salsbury Spring Park since 1939, now a certified native habitat; the Children's Discovery Garden since 2004, relocated to the red caboose; the pollinator garden at Emmanuel Lutheran Church since 2011; two garden collections at the Little Library - colonial herbs and Native American plants; and the farm demonstration garden at the Freeman Store since 2019 and,

WHEREAS, In celebration of its 90th anniversary in 2019, the club has designed and begun installing a new native garden along the stream bed between the Freeman Store and the W&OD bike path. , and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. DiRocco, Mayor of the Town of Vienna, Virginia, and the members of the Vienna Town Council congratulate the Ayr Hill Garden Club on its 90th Anniversary of service to the Vienna Community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Town of Vienna to be affixed this first day of July, two thousand and nineteen.

Laurie A. DiRocco
Mayor

Attest:

Melanie J. Clark, CMC
Town Clerk