

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the citizens of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, citizen services such as law enforcement, public health and safety, recreation, and childhood education are delivered at the local level; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the work performed by local governments, on February 29, 2012 the Virginia General Assembly designated the first week in April as Local Government Education Week in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the nation's first Council-Manager form of government was enacted on April 2, 1908 in the City of Staunton, thereby making the first week in April appropriate for this designation; and

WHEREAS, city government staff and elected officials often share their expertise in classrooms and with community organizations, volunteer at school and community events, mentor students and provide them with opportunities to volunteer in the city; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to engage youth in civic engagement learning opportunities such as Operation Earthwatch, community clean-up events, youth representatives on boards and commissions, scout participation in Council meetings, highlighting local government job opportunities during career fairs; and sharing the mathematical skills required for the real world work of city planners; and

WHEREAS, the city web site, eFocus newsletter, and social media postings provide daily updates on services performed by the City of Falls Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID TARTER, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-7, 2019 as

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION WEEK

in the City of Falls Church and recognize the collaboration between the Falls Church city government and the Falls Church city schools to educate students and citizens about their local government as well as engage the next generation of local government managers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



David Tarter, Mayor

