

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CHRIST IN ACTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE DURING
WINTER STORM FERN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton was impacted by the historic and severe events of Winter Storm Fern from January 24 through February 4, 2026, an event characterized by heavy snowfall, record-breaking sleet accumulations of over six inches, and a brutal 150-hour "deep freeze"; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the storm and the resulting "snow-crete"—ice bonded solidly to the pavement—necessitated the declaration of a Local State of Emergency on January 22, 2026, by Interim Town Manager Christopher E. Martino; and

WHEREAS, during this period of unprecedented environmental challenge, the safety and well-being of our residents depended not only on the diligent work of Town Public Works, Police, and Emergency Management staff, but also on the compassionate and rapid mobilization of community partners; and

WHEREAS, Christ In Action stepped forward as a Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters to the Town of Warrenton, providing essential assistance to our citizens and critical support to our Office of Emergency Management when the community was most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Christ In Action provided critical manpower that supplemented Town resources, deploying teams of volunteers to reach our most vulnerable residents—including the elderly, the infirm, and the underprivileged—who were physically unable to clear the hazardous "snow-crete" from their homes; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated volunteers labored in subfreezing temperatures to ensure that those isolated by the storm regained safe access to essential services, medical care, and community support; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers and leadership of Christ In Action demonstrated the true spirit of service, working alongside first responders and local officials to ensure that the needs of the community were met during the subfreezing temperatures and hazardous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative impact of Christ In Action's efforts directly contributed to Warrenton's resilience, embodying the core goals of our community to maintain safety, wellness, and mutual support during times of crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Carter Nevill, Mayor of the Town of Warrenton, on behalf of the Town Council and our citizens, do hereby recognize and commend: CHRIST IN ACTION for providing the essential hands and feet of service when our own resources were stretched thin, and for ensuring that the most vulnerable among us were not forgotten during the "deep freeze." Their commitment to "Bringing Hope to America's Families" helped our community weather the ice and cold, ensuring no resident was left to face the storm alone.

H. E. Carter Nevill
Mayor Town of Warrenton