

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOHNNY SWITZER FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WARRENTON VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, Johnny Switzer has faithfully served the Town of Warrenton, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the safety, functionality, and resilience of our community; and

WHEREAS, beginning his tenure with the Town in 2016 as the Chief Equipment Mechanic, he steadily rose through the ranks to become the Town's first Fleet Manager, Fleet and Facilities Manager, and ultimately donning the additional title of Emergency Management Coordinator, successfully pioneering and establishing these crucial divisions within the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, following the Town Council's 2017 directive for a fleet replacement plan, he initiated major transformative changes that elevated the Town's operations, earning Warrenton the prestigious NAFA Green Fleet Top 50 award for three consecutive terms—an extraordinary feat when competing against much larger municipalities; and

WHEREAS, his dedication encompassed a wide array of vital responsibilities, from promptly repairing traffic lights and maintaining the Town's aging infrastructure to thoughtfully addressing citizen concerns regarding neighborhood safety measures; and

WHEREAS, he became a trusted pillar of the municipal staff whom anyone could turn to no matter the need, consistently demonstrating an unwavering willingness to serve the public, collaborate with Council members, and engage with local action groups to support the community; and

WHEREAS, he proactively collaborated with county and state emergency management agencies, effectively bringing together community stakeholders to share critical knowledge, skills, and resources; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional leadership and capstone achievement in emergency preparedness were appropriately recognized when he was awarded the 2026 New Emergency Manager of the Year by the Virginia Emergency Management Association; and

WHEREAS, he has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty, answering calls for assistance at all hours of the night to ensure critical operations remain uninterrupted, proving himself to be the very definition of "Excellence in Action"; and

WHEREAS, the Town will greatly miss his tireless, dedicated nature, his extensive institutional knowledge, and his profound, lasting impact on the Town's operations and protocols;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Carter Nevill, Mayor of the Town of Warrenton, on behalf of a Town Council and citizens, do hereby recognize and commend Johnny Switzer for his extraordinary service, steadfast dedication, and remarkable legacy in protecting and serving the Town of Warrenton.

H. E. Carter Nevill
Mayor, Town of Warrenton