

**A PROCLAMATION RECGONIZING SUSAN RAE HELANDER FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO  
THE TOWN OF WARRENTON, VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrenton's Planning Commission is responsible for preparing and submitting a Comprehensive Plan, preparing and submitting the annual Capital Improvement Program, and recommending actions to the Town Council on land use applications, Ordinances, and plans in the name of the public health, safety, convenience and welfare of the citizens of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrenton adopted its Comprehensive Plan in 2002 and updated it between 2009-2013 with input from the Planning Commission and Ms. Helander; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrenton updated its Zoning Ordinance in 2006 with input from the Planning Commission and Ms. Helander; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrenton adopted its Subdivision Ordinance in 2006 and updated it in 2014 with input from the Planning Commission and Ms. Helander; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Helander participated in and became trained as a state recognized Certified Planning Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Helander served in leadership roles on the Planning Commission as Vice Chair in 2016 and Chair from 2017-2022 overseeing multiple influential Zoning Updates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrenton adopted its updated Comprehensive Plan, Plan Warrenton 2040, in 2021 with Ms. Helander acting as Chair to guide the input of the Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Helander served throughout the years to ensure thoughtful input prior to Planning Commission votes; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Helander contributed to the deliberations on countless land use applications and submitted her votes based on her opinion of the best interests of the Town and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Helander further contributed to the community in the capacity of creating the Tree Board, the publication of the Heritage Trees of Old Town, and the adoption of the first tree ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Helander further contributed to the community through the Partnership for Warrenton and the creation of First Fridays; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Helander faithfully served on the Planning Commission for two decades by participating and contributing her sage input for the overall welfare of the Town and its residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor of the Town of Warrenton herby recognizes and deeply appreciates the contributions of Susan Rae Helander for her dedication and service to the Town of Warrenton, Virginia, and its Citizens.

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H. E. Carter Nevill  
Mayor Town of Warrenton