

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA GERRISH FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WARRENTON, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Architectural Review Board of the Town of Warrenton is the legislative body charged, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Zoning Ordinance, to decide on applications to preserve the character of the Historic District of the Town of Warrenton, decisions of the Board are supported by the Historic District Design Guidelines, which provide a framework for consistent decision making by elaborating upon the Zoning Ordinance's goal to identify, protect, and preserve the historic character of the Historic District and every resource within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Gerrish was appointed to the Warrenton Architectural Review Board in August of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gerrish helped shape the meetings of the ARB as the Vice Chair, a position to which she was appointed in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gerrish, as an integral member of the ARB highlighted that the board has done quite a bit to improve the quality of the review process and enhance its relationship with the Town and has worked to provide fair and appropriate reviews of projects, particularly for the Town's small businesses within the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gerrish's contribution to the development and adoption of the updated Town of Warrenton Guide to Historic Resources and Guidelines in 2022 was a crowning achievement in her tenure with the ARB; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gerrish's desire to serve her community shows in her tireless dedication to illuminating and preserving the historic character of Warrenton's Historic District as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gerrish's foundational education in the field of Historic Preservation has served as an invaluable asset to the community within the Historic District and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gerrish's six years as a member and as Vice Chair of the ARB has now come to an end, but her positive, physical impact to ensure the maintenance of Warrenton's historic integrity will continue to be experienced throughout the Historic District for future generations to come, just as any Preservation-minded individual would have it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor of the Town of Warrenton hereby recognizes and deeply appreciates the contributions of Virginia Gerrish for her dedication and service to the Town of Warrenton, Virginia, and its Citizens. May Ms. Gerrish leave with a full heart knowing her actions have lead to a better Town.

H. E. Carter Nevill
Mayor Town of Warrenton