

PROCLAMATION

National Travel & Tourism Week May 4-12th 2015

WHEREAS travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 15 million jobs in 2014 including 8 million directly in the travel industry and 7 million in other industries; and

WHEREAS international travel to the United States is the nation's largest single export industry – greater than the export of business services, machinery, computer and electronic products, motor vehicles and agriculture. In 2014, travel generated more than \$180 billion in exports creating more than \$43 billion in balance of travel trade surplus for the U.S.; and

WHEREAS travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$141.5 billion for federal, state and local governments providing funds to support essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the tourism industry contributes substantially to the Leesburg community's cultural and social well being by way of the attractions, special events, arts, shopping and dining opportunities; and

WHEREAS, travel is a pillar of economic growth with direct participation and support from Visit Loudoun to spur health and wellness benefits, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness and productivity; and

WHEREAS, each Leesburg household receives more than \$141.22 annually in combined Town and County tax relief as a result of visitor spending; and

WHEREAS, 43 group bookings were made in 2014 which alone generated more than \$2.5 million in direct visitor spending to the Town of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, travel is a catalyst that moves the national economy forward.

THEREFORE, PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the week of May 4-12, 2015 is National Travel and Tourism Week in the Town of Leesburg.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of May, 2015.

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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

May 11th – May 17th, 2015

WHEREAS, the state of Virginia and the County of Loudoun recognize May 2015 as Small Business Month and specifically the week of May 11 – 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the growth of the Leesburg business community has been steady and successful in attracting and retaining a diversity of quality businesses that have proven their benefit to the Town's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Leesburg business climate is healthy in workforce, infrastructure and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg is a AAA community and home to more than 2,500 small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg's small businesses provide a tremendous resource to a variety of social and charitable causes that make a significant difference to the lives of Leesburg residents; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant, healthy economic environment is the cornerstone to a successful, thriving community where good jobs are easily accessible.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby proclaim the week of May 11th through May 17th as Small Business Week in the Town of Leesburg and urge the citizens of Leesburg to support our local business owners and do their part to support a vibrant, sustainable economic environment for the Town of Leesburg.

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Mental Health Month 2015

Friends of Loudoun Mental Health

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

THEREFORE, PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that May 2015 is Mental Health Month in the Town of Leesburg. Further, we call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Leesburg, Virginia to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

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