

PROCLAMATION
National Nursing Home Week
May 8 – 14, 2016

WHEREAS, we honor and respect our elders and citizens of any age with physical or intellectual disabilities who reside in skilled nursing care centers in Leesburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, skilled nursing care centers throughout our area are holding events in observance of National Nursing Home Week, May 8 to 14, using this year's theme of "**It's a Small World, with a Big Heart;**" and

WHEREAS, we urge all citizens to visit a loved one, family member or friend residing in any care setting and offer a kind word, a personal touch, and time spent participating in various activities as a way to help in all walks of life in need of our continuing love and support; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Leesburg is committed to quality health care, we take this moment to embrace the spirit of the theme "It's a Small World, with a Big Heart." Let's join all residents, patients, caregivers, nurses, other staff, and visitors in celebrating their special week;".

NOW, THEREFORE the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby declare the week of May 8 to 14, 2016, as National Nursing Home Week, a week to honor our vulnerable citizens who receive care, or the dedicated ones giving care.

PROCLAIMED this 10th day of May, 2016.

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National Preservation Month May, 2016

WHEREAS, Leesburg is over 250 years old, and features historic resources that date from the earliest days of the town's founding; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Leesburg established the Old and Historic District in 1963; and

WHEREAS, historic and cultural resources are prevalent throughout the community including outside the boundaries of the Old and Historic District; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives, and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby proclaim May 2016 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Leesburg to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

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National Travel & Tourism Week

May 1 – 7, 2016

WHEREAS, the first full week in May is recognized as National Travel and Tourism Week to promote the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS in 2014 Virginia tourism revenues topped \$22.4 billion and generated 1.6 billion in travel spending just in Loudoun; and

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry consistently ranks among the top five largest private employers and in Loudoun supports more than 16,000 jobs; and

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

WHEREAS, each Leesburg household receives more than \$630 annually in combined Town and County tax relief as a result of visitor spending; and

WHEREAS, the Visitor Center for Loudoun County is centrally located in Downtown Leesburg and attracts more than 1,000 visitors monthly; and

WHEREAS through travel and tourism stories in 2014, the town of Leesburg has garnered more than \$800,000 in media exposure and coverage across the country including Philadelphia Sunday Sun, New Jersey Star-Ledger, Washington Post and Fox 5.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby proclaim the first week in May 2016 as National Travel and Tourism week and call on the citizens of and visitors to Leesburg to be enjoy all that Leesburg has to offer.

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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

May 16 – May 22, 2016

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 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 of a successful, thriving community where good jobs are easily accessible.

WHEREAS, Small Business Week gives small business operators the opportunity to make important contacts and learn valuable information at a number of events.

WHEREAS, Small Business Week is co-sponsored by Loudoun County Economic Development, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun Workforce Development Center, Mason Enterprise Center, Northern Virginia Technology Council, and the Town of Leesburg.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby proclaim the week of May 16th through May 22nd as Small Business Week in the Town of Leesburg and urge the citizens of Leesburg to support our local business owners that do their part to create a vibrant, sustainable economic environment for the Town of Leesburg.

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Lyme Disease Awareness Month May, 2016

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by spirochetal bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is carried by deer ticks, and our understanding of these complex organisms is incomplete; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, if it is not treated early, Lyme disease can infect every part of the body and cause a wide variety of symptoms requiring medical practitioners to have familiarity with its various clinical presentations; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple protective and preventative actions that can be taken by individuals to reduce exposure and infection; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness and physician education, the Town of Leesburg seeks to minimize the devastating effects of Lyme disease among all of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the month of May, 2016 is Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Town of Leesburg.

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