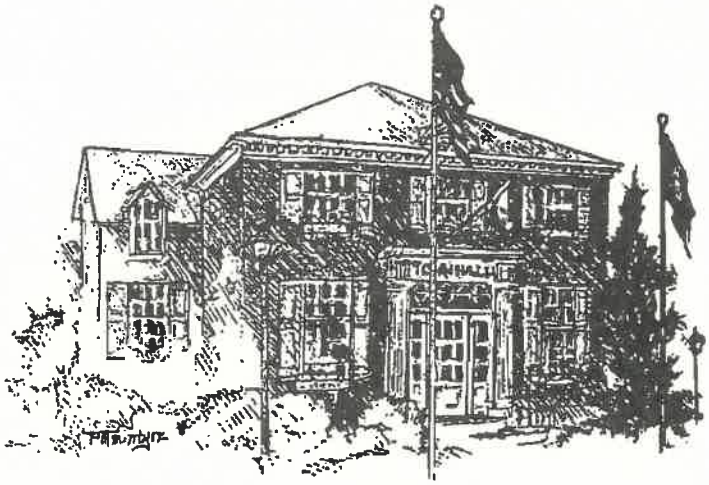

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION

ELDEN THE BEAR DAY

JUNE 9, 2025

On June 9, 2025, the Town of Herndon received a surprise visit from a most unexpected guest - a Maryland black bear who found his way into the heart of downtown Herndon. This young bear, affectionately dubbed **Elden the Bear**, captured the hearts and curiosity of residents and visitors alike as he took up a temporary perch in the trees of our historic district.

The peaceful rescue and safe relocation of Elden was made possible thanks to the coordinated efforts of Herndon Police, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue, including teams from Herndon and Reston, and the outstanding professionals of the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. The event brought neighbors together in a spirit of wonder and community, reminding us of the importance of coexisting with wildlife and protecting the natural environment that surrounds us.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby proclaims June 9, 2025 as **Elden The Bear Day** in the **Town of Herndon**, in celebration of a moment of unexpected joy and unity, and in gratitude to all who ensured Elden's safety and well-being. Let this day be a reminder of the small wonders that can bring a town together - and the big hearts that make Herndon a truly special place.

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Keven J. LeBlanc, Jr., Mayor
June 10, 2025