

From the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, is home to a vibrant and thriving Irish American community, whose members have made significant contributions to the cultural, social, and economic life of our city; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been recognized by the United States of America as Irish American Heritage Month since 1991, providing an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Irish Americans; and

WHEREAS, Fredericksburg, Virginia has a rich history of Irish Americans settling in our city during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and continuing to make their mark on various fields such as agriculture, mining, education, and politics; and

WHEREAS, the Irish American community in Fredericksburg, Virginia has preserved and shared its unique cultural heritage through various activities and events, including music, dance, language and food; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the Irish American community in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and encourage individuals and organizations to participate in activities and events that celebrate and highlight the contributions of this important community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Kerry P. Devine, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Fredericksburg, express our appreciation and gratitude to the Irish American community in Fredericksburg, Virginia for their many contributions to our city and do hereby proclaim March 2025 as:

Irish American Heritage Month in Fredericksburg, Virginia

Kerry P. Devine, Mayor Fredericksburg, Virginia