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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay and Supervisor Walkinshaw
Fairfax Choral Society's 60th Anniversary**

Members of the Board,

With a legacy stretching back to 1962, the Fairfax Choral Society (FCS), a non-profit public charity, enriches lives through the performance, education, and appreciation of choral art. With six ensembles and the opportunity to join skill-appropriate musicianship classes, FCS is one of the largest choral groups in Northern Virginia and the only organization providing opportunities to 230 choral singers from preschool through adult. Their vision is a world where choral music uplifts and inspires all people and unites communities.

The FCS Symphonic Chorus has received rave reviews for its performance of choral masterworks in collaboration with the Fairfax Symphony, Cathedral Choral Society, Choral Arts Society, National Symphony Orchestra, City of Fairfax Band, and other arts organizations in the region.

The FCS Vocal Arts Ensemble is an adult chorus that held its inaugural season in 2018-2019. Under the direction of Artistic Director Michael Ehrlich, this ensemble performs a variety of genres, including traditional choral literature, major works, American folk songs and spirituals, music of different cultures, vocal jazz, and Broadway. Along with bringing

choral music to the community, the ensemble embraces the true meaning of community by seeking diversity in its make up and in its repertoire.

The FCS Youth Choruses, under the direction of Patrick Vaughn, provide singers ages five to nineteen the opportunity to expand their vocal experience in an auditioned choral program. Singers participate in musicianship classes and performing ensembles at their campus in Annandale. The FCS Youth Choruses have sung for choral festivals, schools, and church concert series, with the National Symphony Orchestra and the American Youth Philharmonic, at Carnegie Hall, at the White House, and in collaboration with other youth choruses throughout the Washington area. Their repertoire includes classical, folk, and the finest contemporary compositions for treble and mixed voices. FCS was honored by the Arts Council of Fairfax County with the 2016 Arts Education Award for its outstanding music education program.

Their 60th Anniversary Gala will be held on Saturday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. where their choirs, along with special guest The Children's Chorus of Washington, will present Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo*. They will be joined by internationally acclaimed Soprano Simone Paulwell.

Without objection, we move that a proclamation be prepared and presented to the Fairfax Choral Society at its Anniversary Gala on March 11 to honor and celebrate 60 years of enriching lives through the performance, education, and appreciation of choral art.