

**MOTION:**

**June 7, 2022  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No. 22-**

**SECOND:**

**RE:           COMMEND – GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ON ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, George Mason University celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 7, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, George Mason University (GMU) operates three campuses in the Commonwealth, including the Prince William Campus, now Science and Technology campus, established in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 7, 1972, a contingent from George Mason College met with Governor A. Linwood Holton in Richmond to sign House Bill 210, which established GMU as a free-standing four-year public institution of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, GMU, the City of Manassas, and Prince William County agreed to a tripartite agreement for an indoor recreation center, now the Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, negotiations began for a tripartite agreement between GMU, the City of Manassas, and Prince William County for an arts facility, now the Hylton Performing Arts Center; and

**WHEREAS**, GMU achieved R1 “Highest Research Activity” status in 2016, and 2018, from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, GMU and Northern Virginia Community College created the ADVANCE program, a partnership that assisted students as they transfer from a two-year program to earn a Bachelor’s degree, helping more than 2,020 students through the pathway program; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1 in 12 GMU students are affiliated with the military, including veterans, active-duty personnel, military dependents, reservists, and guardsmen; and

**WHEREAS**, GMU is the most diverse, fastest growing, and largest public four-year institution in the Commonwealth, serving 39,134 students, 10,895 staff and faculty, and 215,900 alumni, including 135,300 currently in the Commonwealth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, in recognition of the continuing partnerships and dynamic opportunities that exist, hereby commends George Mason University on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and expresses its appreciation to GMU for the ongoing support of County residents, students, educators, entrepreneurs, businesses, and innovators.

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**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

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**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Clerk to the Board**