RESOLUTION

30th Anniversary of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University

WHEREAS The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University (OLLI Mason) was founded in 1991 and soon became affiliated with George Mason University as part of Mason’s strategic vision to extend its learning mission to seniors interested in maintaining an active intellectual life; and

WHEREAS OLLI Mason’s mission is “to offer to its members learning opportunities in a stimulating environment in which adults can share their talents, experiences and skills, explore new interests, discover and develop latent abilities, engage in intellectual and cultural pursuits, and socialize with others of similar interests.”; and

WHEREAS What started three decades ago as a member-run Learning in Retirement center with 100 members, has burgeoned today into one of the premier lifelong learning institutes in the United States with 1,100 members; and

WHEREAS The 50+ population in Northern Virginia is growing, living longer and leading healthier lives, and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors are working vigorously to develop programs and services alongside OLLI Mason to help seniors continue to participate more fully in their communities; and

WHEREAS In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, OLLI Mason converted to online programming, and continues to offer an intellectual and social lifeline to a vulnerable senior population that has self-isolated since March 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University on its 30th anniversary and looks forward to many more years of programming success.

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