



**Proclamation Celebrating  
Explore More Discovery Museum’s 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday and  
Recognizing October 14, 2023, as “Day of Play”**

**WHEREAS** the Explore More Discovery Museum, launched as a collaborative, grassroots effort of local citizens, officially opened its doors in downtown Harrisonburg on October 14, 2003, and has grown into a destination for world-class educational play; and

**WHEREAS**, for two decades, Explore More has remained steadfast in its mission to ensure that that every child has access to the joy and wonder of enriching play in a safe and inclusive environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Explore More has evolved into a regional resource for educational field trips, creatively extending classroom learning through authentic, hands-on experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Explore More has welcomed nearly one million visitors, inspiring our community's collective heart and forging vital partnerships to advance its mission;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, let it be known that we, City Council of Harrisonburg, Virginia, do hereby recognize Explore More Discovery Museum on its 20th Birthday. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the visionaries, volunteers, staff, and supporters who have tirelessly contributed to the Museum’s incredible success; and

**FURTHERMORE**, we commend Explore More for its unwavering dedication to fostering a love of learning in our children, for creating an environment of exploration and imagination, and for helping shape a bright future for our community. In celebration, we proudly designate October 14, 2023, as a *Day of Play* in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

GIVEN under my hand this 12th day of September 2023.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk