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BOARD MATTER
Proclamation Request for Dipti Pidikiti-Smith

Mr. Chairman,

In Fairfax County we are very fortunate to have so many residents who give back to their communities. Community members who use their expertise and talents to help their neighbors. One such resident, Dipti Pidikiti-Smith has been an incredible advocate, resource, and source of support for many of my constituents, particularly those that live on the Richmond Highway Corridor.

Ms. Pidikiti-Smith is the former Deputy Director of Advocacy at Legal Services of Northern Virginia where she began as Route 1 Attorney and worked diligently on behalf of communities in need for 14 years. Dipti has served on the Fairfax County Community Advisory Board, the Fair Housing Task Force as co-chair and Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services also as co-chair.

Dipti has worked tirelessly to help residents maintain stable and affordable housing and was instrumental in assisting with eviction protection during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a key member of the Northern Virginia Eviction Prevention and Community Stability Task Force which was co-convened by Legal Services of

Northern Virginia and the Northern Virginia Housing Alliance (NVAHA). The task force was awarded a Virginia Governors Housing Award for Best Regional Partnership. Additionally, Dipti has assisted residents who are victims of domestic violence and fraud.

I am pleased to announce that Dipti Pidikiti-Smith has now been appointed Judge on the Fairfax County General District Court. Dipti often refers to Martin Luther King, Jr's quote: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others". This quote sums up Dipti's concern and advocacy for those who need it most.

Mr. Chairman, I move that a proclamation be prepared in acknowledgement of Dipti Pidikiti-Smith's commitment to serving others and for all that she has contributed to our community to be presented at her Investiture Ceremony on December 9th, 2022. I look forward to celebrating her most recent achievement as the first Asian American woman to be appointed Judge on the Fairfax County General District Court.