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## **BOARD MATTER**

### **Proclamation Request for the Woman's Club of Springfield's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 19, 2024**

Mr. Chairman, I was honored to be invited to a special event for the Woman's Club of Springfield. The Woman's Club of Springfield will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. That is 70 years of service, donating time and money to great causes in the Franconia community.

The Woman's Club of Springfield was chartered in 1954 by the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs to serve the Springfield area, especially those in need of a helping hand. The Springfield Woman's Club holds three objectives: to study topics of general interest to the members, to carry out charitable projects of civic-social improvement and to promote good fellowship among its members.

The club has done amazing work throughout their history. The Springfield Woman's Club was an early supporter, promoter, and founding partner of the Richard Byrd Library in 1955, and has provided continuous and substantial financial and volunteer support to the library since that time. In 2023, they donated pajamas and items for Cares for Kids, collected stuffed animals for the Teddy Bear Brigade, supported Richard Byrd Library's semi-annual book sale, and donated emergency clothing for Garfield Elementary School and Crestwood Elementary School.

Other important initiatives that the Woman's Club of Springfield are known

for include their Pink Elephant Thrift Shop, their Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Program, and their annual Spring Faire, a craft and vendor show. The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop was created in 1964 and is run by an all-volunteer staff. 100% of the proceeds are donated to local philanthropic projects. Their scholarship program awards local high school graduating students who are enrolling in post-secondary education with financial assistance. Finally, their annual Spring Faire brings in local vendors and the proceeds are shared with Bethany House.

With that said, Mr. Chairman, I move that a proclamation be prepared to honor the accomplishments and contributions of the Woman's Club of Springfield in their 70 years of service. I move that this proclamation be prepared in time to present to the organization at their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. I look forward to celebrating with them the long-lasting contributions and work they have performed in our community.