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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Mr. James D. Hobbs and his wife Sandra Mullins Hobbs discovered Arlington, bought a home on Varnum Street in the mid 1960's; and

WHEREAS: Jim helped to organize the Arlington Jaycees in early 1967 by placing notice in the Arlington advocate calling civic minded young men to step forward. The Arlington Chapter Jaycees recruited business people, lawyers, engineers, public employees, and teachers, along with a stockbroker, a banker, and a printer. In later years, the chapter helped to extend national Jaycee membership to women; and

WHEREAS: Selectman Joseph P. Greeley, an honored guest at the Jaycees' first installation banquet, asked the Jaycees to raise sufficient funds to build a memorial in Uncle Sam's honor, and

WHEREAS: The Jaycees held the first annual "Uncle Sam Day" celebration in September 1969. The first pure silver and bronze Uncle Sam Medals, the work of Uncle Sam Statue sculptor, Theodore Barbarossa were sold. Ohio philanthropist, Mr. Frederick E. Houck underwrote the major portion of the project. Since then, Uncle Sam Day has become Arlington's Town Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS: The Jaycees supervised the Uncle Sam Statue construction which was ceremoniously unveiled, following the largest ever, six division 1976 Arlington Bi-Centennial Parade. Formal Uncle Sam Statue Dedication, also organized by the Jaycees, was held after the 1977 Arlington Patriots' Day Parade. In attendance were US House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill and Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis. President Jimmy Carter sent a personal message of congratulations; and

WHEREAS: Under Jim's leadership, the Arlington Jaycees became one of the most successful Jaycee chapters in the United States. Their accomplishments include the construction and the eventual transfer to the Town of the Ed Burns Arena and Sporting Complex, Arlington's first metal and paper recycling program, the first

Boy Scout Troop to welcome and include boys with Downs Syndrome and other special needs. The Arlington Jaycees assisted in the first ever Massachusetts Special Olympics at Boston College in 1969. Jaycee wives, led by Jaycee-ette President Sandra Hobbs assisted on many projects including the Junior Miss Pageant; and

WHEREAS: Jim Hobbs was a visionary, consensus builder, mathematician, motivator, manager and problem solver who unselfishly went about his work without fanfare. All of these accomplishments happened within a short ten year span while he lived in Arlington; and

WHEREAS: Jim Hobbs left behind a quiet legacy that should not be forgotten. Jim passed away on January 16, 2018 at the age of 77, after a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 39 years, Sandra Mullins Hobbs and is survived by his daughters, Yvonne Dauria, Stephani Hobbs, Nicole Hobbs-Hilley, two grandchildren, his sister Annette Hobbs, and fiancé Lydia Moll and her Family ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Arlington Board of Selectmen thank Mr. Bill Scaglione for bringing these many contributions of Jim Hobbs and the Jaycees to our attention and do further thank Jim Hobbs for his contributions to Arlington the Jaycess and Uncle Sam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
That we the Arlington Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim this 7th day of May 2018, to be James D. Hobbs Day throughout the Town of Arlington, and ask all citizens to pay heed thereto.

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A true record.
ATTEST:

By: _____
Board Administrator