

**ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION Revenues & Expenditures Committee**  
**Real Estate Tax-Rate Resolution for FY2019**  
**March 6, 2018**

*Whereas*, the Arlington County Manager proposes a FY 2019 budget with an advertised real property tax of \$1.006 per \$100 of assessed value (the same rate as in FY 2018) and the County Board advertised this rate for FY 2019;

*Whereas*, the assessed value of residential real property increased by 6.1% in CY 2014, 5.4% in CY 2015, 3% in CY 2016, 2.5% in CY 2017 and 3.9% in CY 2018—a cumulative increase of 20.9% over 5 years;

*Whereas*, even at the current real property tax rate of \$1.006 per \$100 of assessed value, the average homeowner would see his/her tax and fee burden rise \$297—a 3% increase—in CY 2018;

*Whereas* the County Manager should be commended for following County Board guidance in keeping the proposed budget within present tax rates;

*Now therefore be it resolved* that the Arlington County Civic Federation supports the County Manager's recommendation for keeping the tax rate at the present level and the Board's vote to cap the advertised rate at the present level; and, it encourages the County Board, the County Manager and County staff to continue efforts to prioritize core needs and identify savings ideas.