

PROCLAMATION

“Natsburg”

WHEREAS, the Washington Nationals baseball team has many strong and loyal Virginia fans; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Nationals baseball team with it’s exciting team players has brought a new excitement and respect for the game of baseball to the Virginia, Maryland and DC area; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Nationals persevered and since May 24th finished the regular season with a Major League Baseball best record of 74-38 to finish the regular season 93-69; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Nationals having swept the St. Louis Cardinals, advanced to the World Series for the first time in the franchise’s history and for the first time in DC baseball since 1933; and

WHEREAS, a 6-2 victory over the Houston Astros in Game 7 on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 secured the World Series Title for the Washington Nationals, delivered the first baseball title for the nation’s capital area since Walter Johnson’s Senators won their only one in 1924, 95 years ago; and

WHEREAS, baseball is more than just a game but is a presence in our community from Tee-ball to Little League to Babe Ruth League and high school teams to the National League champion Washington Nationals. Baseball teaches team work, dedication to the goal, discipline and the ability to get along with and help others. As said by sports columnist Barry Svrluga, “Now that it’s done, though, remember not just that they won but how they won. The 2019 Washington Nationals taught us all lessons - about patience and belief, about faith and fortitude, about finding life where none seemed to exist. They are champions because of all of that, even if - right now or next month or next year - its unfathomable they did it at all.”

NOW THEREFORE LET IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Leesburg congratulates the Washington Nationals baseball team on its performance at the 2019 World Series and in recognition of its positive impact to our area hereby proclaim the Town of Leesburg will be renamed “Natsburg” beginning Friday, November 1, 2019 through Sunday, November 3, 2019.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of November, 2019.

Kelly Burk, Mayor

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