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**Whereas, Saluda Living in Place in Saluda, North Carolina** will join more than 300 nonprofit, community-based organizations, commonly known as Villages, to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Village Movement on February 15, 2022, as National Village Day, and

**Whereas,** from its beginnings when a small group of Beacon Hill neighbors established the first Village in Boston, Massachusetts, in 2002 to a thriving network of more than 300 nonprofit, community-based Villages today serving about 40,000 older adults across the country and internationally, and

**Whereas** the Village model is now established as a cost-effective, sustainable solution for healthy, vibrant aging, and

**Whereas** the celebration will reach the halls of the U.S. Congress with a proclamation in the House of Representatives designating February 15 as National Village Day, Beacon Hill Village and the Village Movement, and

**Whereas,** Villages mobilize volunteers to provide programs and services that older adults need to remain safe and independent in their homes, such as transportation, friendly visits, and home safety, and Villages also offer social and educational activities that reduce isolation and create interpersonal connections and social support, and

**Whereas,** as part of National Village Day, the **City of Saluda Board of Commissioners** recognizes Villages around the country, especially **Saluda Living in Place**, to celebrate National Village Day and highlight their role in creating communities of support for older adults

**Therefore,** let it be proclaimed that Tuesday, February 15, 2022, is **National Village Day, honoring Saluda Living in Place** and the 300 other communities in the United States of America who make aging in place a viable alternative for older citizens in our community.

Signed 

Tangie Morgan, Mayor, City of Saluda

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