

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, Jean Caldwell has been a resident of the City of Alexandria for over 42 years, having moved to Alexandria on March 1, 1959; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1965, Mrs. Caldwell worked with former Sanitation Division Chief Harry Dodson to organize an annual Spring Clean-Up for the entire City, a program which has been ongoing since that time and is ever more successful each year; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mrs. Caldwell was a member of the Alexandria Beautification Commission from 1970 to 2001, and headed the Commission's annual Appreciation Breakfast for the City's Sanitation workers following the Spring Clean-Up activities; and*

***WHEREAS**, she initiated neighborhood clean-up projects in the Northeast area, started the plantings in the City's median strips, and began a gardening program involving neighborhood children for the triangle at Washington and Powhatan Streets; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mrs. Caldwell served as the President and provided leadership on an as-needed basis to the Northeast Citizens Association for more than 20 years; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mrs. Caldwell became a member and leader in **LIFE** (Live In a Favorable Environment), a grassroots committee, which was instrumental in getting the City to redesign the Monroe Avenue Bridge from a double span to a single-span bridge, thus saving much of the Northeast neighborhood from being razed to construct a major interchange connecting Route 1 with the Monroe Avenue Bridge; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mrs. Caldwell served on the Public Utility Franchise Committee, which reviewed all of Alexandria's utility franchise contracts and made recommendations to City Council, and the Ad Hoc Committee to Plan the Future of the Potomac Yard, which reviewed the Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan and made recommendations to City Council; and*

***WHEREAS**, she was a founding member of **SAVE THE GEORGE WASHINGTON PARKWAY**, an organization that ultimately was victorious in preserving the Parkway from further access roads;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby commend Jean Caldwell for her many years of civic involvement and beautification efforts to make Alexandria a better place for all of us to live and work.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of May 2001.*

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk