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1-8-02**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the arts affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, employment, education, creativity, and community livability; and*

*WHEREAS, public investment in the arts stimulates economic growth, attracts business and corporate investment to communities, spurs tourism, enhances the image of our communities, and encourages innovation and inspiration; and*

*WHEREAS, the holiday season in Old Town Alexandria is a festive time, filled with Alexandrians and tourists visiting the many galleries, shops and restaurants; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria wished to decorate and highlight a historical building located at 100 King Street for the holidays; and*

*WHEREAS, the City asked the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center and the Torpedo Factory Artists Association to meet the challenge by decorating the first floor windows of this historic building for the Holiday Season; and*

*WHEREAS, within a week, the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center and the Torpedo Factory Artists Association identified artists Gloria Barbre, Jackie Ehle, Sheep Jones, Matt Harwood, Murney Keleher, Fran Lividitus, Susan Makara, Pat Monk, Felicia Belair Rignon, and Marian Van Lamingham to create a multi-media exhibit entitled "Looking In;" and*

*WHEREAS, the building with its greenery and the "Looking In" exhibit, the pieces of art, and the special lighting brought the holiday spirit to the historic building;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby acknowledge the contributions of the artists, the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center and the Torpedo Factory Artists Association, and we express our sincere appreciation for the exhibit "Looking In."*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2002.*

**KERRY J. DONLEY      MAYOR**

*On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk