

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Gary Post had a distinguished record of service to the City of Alexandria beginning when the New York City native began employment with the City's Comprehensive Employment and Training program in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Gary introduced the very first personal computer to the City government; and

WHEREAS, Gary helped transform the City's Information Technology Services Department when he moved to that City department in 1984 by helping to rebuild the City's microcomputer network; and

WHEREAS, in that capacity he engineered the City's transition from mainframe computing to a system of smaller computers that are connected together through a common integrated network, forming the foundation of the City's information technology services infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Gary, over a period of 16 years, played an instrumental role in the following accomplishments:

- engineered and managed the installation of the City's state-of-the-art fiber optic Institutional Network that connects schools, libraries and City government buildings;

- advocated and implemented joint projects with the Alexandria City Public Schools, including the management of the Institutional Network and a joint City-Schools telephone services contract;

- provided technical assistance to the public safety community in the replacement of the City's computer-aided dispatch system and in the upgrade of its radio system; and

- initiated and guided the City's computer security policies and practices, raising awareness of the importance of a highly secure and reliable computing environment; and

WHEREAS, Gary helped guide policies for information technology in a way that wisely balanced risk and reward, helping to keep the City's information technology services successfully moving forward with important technological changes without exposing the City to any detriments to its performance; and

WHEREAS, he served:

- as the chair of the Council of Governments' Management Information Services subcommittee; and

- on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Enterprise Architecture Work Force, developing standards to help the State and local government information systems work more effectively together; and

WHEREAS, Gary was a dedicated City employee who devoted much of his life to public service and the betterment of the government of the City in which he long resided;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize Gary Post for not only 20 years of distinguished contributions to the City of Alexandria but also for his customer-focused values and leadership that helped mold the City's Information Technology Services Department into a 21st century organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of February 2002.

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk