

EXHIBIT NO. 1

**PROCLAMATION**

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*WHEREAS, Scott Werner, Music Director of the Alexandria Harmonizers for nearly 30 years, will be retiring after the chorus competes for their fifth gold championship medal at the July 2002, Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America International Chorus Contest in Portland, Oregon; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Werner has been a member of the Society since 1958, a member of the Alexandria Chapter since 1964, Music Director from 1970-1980 and 1984 to present, and a member of the Mid-Atlantic District Hall of Honor since 1990; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Werner won seven medals as lead or melody singer for the well-known Alexandria barbershop quartets, "NOVA Chords" and "Vaudeville," and had the distinction in 1995 of being a double gold medal winner, as both chorus director and as lead of the Society's International Champion Seniors Quartet, "Reminisce"; and*

*WHEREAS, under Mr. Werner's leadership, the 120-man Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus won the Mid-Atlantic District Championship 12 times and won International Medals 11 times, including four gold medals as International Chorus Champion in 1986, 1989, 1995, and 1998; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers have appeared at the U.S. Supreme Court, the White House, the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, and Carnegie Hall, perform regularly in benefits, concerts, and competitions across the country, and are supported in part by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers have achieved outstanding accomplishments and service to, and for, the City of Alexandria, while also promoting favorable name recognition of our community to the surrounding area, the State of Virginia, the United States of America, as well as to other nations; and*

*WHEREAS, the consistently excellent performance of the Alexandria Harmonizers is a tribute not only to the support of the Alexandria community and the talent of the individual singers, but most especially to the leadership of Music Director Scott Werner, the driving force and an inspiration to the Harmonizers over the last three decades; and*

*WHEREAS, Scott Werner's dedicated and talented service, his commitment to excellence, and his encouragement of harmony and good fellowship among all performers and audiences alike who seek to perpetuate the unique American institution, the barbershop quartet, bring great credit upon himself, his family, his community, and this Nation;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby commend Scott Werner for his many years of faithful and dedicated service as Music Director of the Alexandria Harmonizers and extend to him best wishes in his retirement.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002.*

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

ATTEST:

Beverly J. Jett, CMC      City Clerk