

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arnold G. Fink has been the senior Rabbi of Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia, since 1969; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Fink is renowned as a scholar and teacher, and widely recognized for his interfaith activities; and

WHEREAS, as Senior Rabbi of Beth El Hebrew Congregation, he developed an interfaith dialogue program with the faculty and students of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, and with Catholic and Protestant churches throughout Alexandria that have served as a model for such programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Fink has served as an advisor to national and local elected officials on church/state issues, has been a leader in community activities, and was a founder and supervisor of the Chaplaincy Program at Alexandria Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Fink has been a leader in focusing attention on the plight of Russian Jewry, a founding board member of the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, and a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia-Israel Commission; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Fink, an eleventh generation rabbi in a family of rabbis, and his wife, Barbara, will continue to reside in Alexandria after his retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby commend Rabbi Arnold G. Fink for his many years of leadership, service, and commitment to the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of June 2002.

KERRY J. DONLEY MAYOR

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk