

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2000, Alexandria police responded to more than 70,000 calls for service, and handled more than 21,000 reported crimes and accidents; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,000 arrests were made last year including nearly 600 juvenile arrests; and

WHEREAS, in Alexandria last year, there were 41 crimes, including 3 violent crimes, for every 1,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, at least 800 City and State employees work full-time in Alexandria's criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, in the Alexandria courts last year, the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney prosecuted more than 600 felony cases, and of those, the Office of the Public Defender defended clients in more than 400 cases; and

WHEREAS, agencies in the criminal justice system, including the Office of Probation and Parole and the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, now have community-based operations and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Sheriff, Office of the Public Defender and Office of Probation and Parole work with many offenders to provide volunteer community service and restitution to victims, and rehabilitation to the offenders themselves; and

WHEREAS, all Alexandria criminal justice agencies perform extensive outreach services and community education to reduce crime and inform the public; and

WHEREAS, there is a great and sincere need for all people of Alexandria to learn about the criminal justice system that serves them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the day of Saturday, October 20, 2001, as:

"CRIMINAL JUSTICE DAY"

in the City of Alexandria, and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the promotion of justice to all citizens and the reduction of crime in all neighborhoods.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of October 2001.

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk