

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are needed to heal the nation's spirit after this year's great tragedy of September 11, at the Twin Towers in New York City and the Pentagon; and*

*WHEREAS, the arts and humanities can provide a healing force beyond quantifiable measure and enhance and enrich every aspect of life; and*

*WHEREAS, solace and strength can be found in the singing of patriotic songs, flying of the American Flag, remembering of a passage of poetry, and the drawing of a picture can express and give meaning to confused feelings; and*

*WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance the image of our communities and nation, and encourages innovation and inspiration; and*

*WHEREAS, the nation's 23,000 cultural organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's 3,800 local arts agencies, the arts and humanities councils of 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions, the President of the United States and the United States Conference of Mayors will be encouraging participation in this nationwide celebration; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria community has an abundance of cultural and artistic activities planned for the month of October, including special offerings such as the "ArtCHAT" program cosponsored by the Alexandria Arts Forum and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, "Art on the Avenue" sponsored by the Potomac West Business Association, the "Arts Safari at the Torpedo Factory Art Center" sponsored by the Alexandria Arts Safari, and the "Taste for Art" sponsored by the Friends of the Torpedo Factory; and*

*WHEREAS, other special festivities will highlight the history and humanities of the City by celebrating the harvest season and All Hallows Eve;*

*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 month of October as:*

**"NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH"**

*in the City of Alexandria and formally invite and urge Alexandria City residents to participate in and celebrate the cultural riches our City has to offer.*

*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