

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alexandria was chartered in March 1928, by Rotary International, the service organization which today numbers one and a quarter million members in more than 31,000 clubs in 163 countries; and

WHEREAS, the charter members of the Rotary Club of Alexandria were distinguished Alexandria business and community leaders: James Armstrong, C. S. Taylor Burke, Herbert Cross, H. A. DeButts, Frederick Goodnow, Nelson Gray, Hal Latane, Robert May, Lawrence Rowland, Marshall Shuman, Vernon Slaughter, W. E. Swan, Ed Sweeley, Alfred Thompson, and William Woolls; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alexandria has for 75 years selected outstanding business, professional, and community leaders for membership and now numbers some 140 such leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alexandria has for 75 years adhered to the "Service Above Self" motto of Rotary International, and its members have given unstintingly of their time, efforts, expertise, and leadership for the betterment of the Alexandria community and all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alexandria has sponsored and promoted the participation of young people in projects such as the Presidential Classroom, the Ambassadorial Scholarship, Group Study Exchange, Village Banks, Student Exchange and many other projects fostering world peace and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alexandria has been an active and enthusiastic supporter, both financially and with personal service, to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign dedicated to eradicating polio from the face of the earth by 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alexandria, fulfilling its Service Above Self principle, founded, supported, and operated the Alexandria Day Nursery and Children's Home from the early 1930s until 1947 when city-sponsored and other services became available; and

WHEREAS, during its 75 years, the Rotary Club of Alexandria has contributed millions of dollars to worthwhile charitable, educational, and helping organizations in Alexandria, and its members have provided hands-on business and professional services to these organizations at no cost; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Rotary Club of Alexandria, in honor of their 75th anniversary will, in May, donate nearly \$60,000 to community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alexandria has long been recognized as the largest, most productive, and most generous service club in Northern Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate the Rotary Club of Alexandria on its 75th birthday and proclaim March 2003, as the:

"ROTARY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA 75th ANNIVERSARY MONTH"

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 February 2003.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk