EXHIBIT NO. 1

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# *PROCLAMATION*

***WHEREAS**, the Irish have greatly enriched the culture of Western Civilization from its earliest days; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Irish have nobly preserved the Celtic and Gaelic traditions from ancient times to the present; and*

***WHEREAS**, the history of the City of Alexandria is replete with the contributions of many people from Ireland and those of Irish descent; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria is today the home of numerous people of Irish descent who are active in its cultural, economic, political and social life; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria recognizes the incalculable role played by the Irish and their descendants in world, national, state, and City affairs;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 1, 2003, to be:*

***"ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE DAY"***

*in honor of the day that all Irish people come together in celebration of St. Patrick; and*

***FURTHER**, I hereby welcome all persons from Ireland and of Irish descent to our City and this Parade and urge all citizens of the City to attend and to enjoy the activities being offered on Market Square on this day.*

***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*