

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, volunteers represent a vital and integral force in the Alexandria community, and provide needed services to the community that might be otherwise undelivered; and*

*WHEREAS, citizens of Alexandria support local government, human services, education and the arts as volunteers; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau assists individuals, families and businesses find meaningful volunteer opportunities, thereby generating thousands of hours of service to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, youth volunteerism has been shown to reduce teen pregnancy, increase self-esteem, heighten awareness of community needs and has now been linked to increased volunteering in adults; and*

*WHEREAS, National Youth Service Day will be celebrated at a volunteer project on April 12, at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alternative Community Service program provides more than \$350,000 worth of service to the community every year while providing a means for offenders to contribute to the community they harmed; and*

*WHEREAS, the Community Work Experience Program helps welfare recipients gain valuable work experience through volunteering;*

*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 week of April 27 through May 3, 2003, as:*

**"ALEXANDRIA VOLUNTEER WEEK"**

*and in the spirit of giving back to our community, taking responsibility for helping those in need and working to improve the quality of life in Alexandria, we acknowledge and recognize the many individuals who contributed countless hours of volunteer work in Alexandria in 2002, and thank them for their valuable contributions.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003.*

**KERRY J. DONLEY      MAYOR**

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk