

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1992, May of each year has been declared nationally and statewide as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a celebration dedicated to recognizing, understanding, and valuing Americans of Asian/Pacific ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Census has revealed the population of Asian Pacific Alexandrians has increased 62% between 1990 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, more than 7,299 people of Asian/Pacific heritage have made this City their home. Many came here as immigrants and brought with them a rich culture, a belief in freedom's promise and a willingness to work hard for the American dream; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific Alexandrians have enriched our City's life and culture with their energy and talents through the sharing and teaching of their stories, cuisine, music, art history and culture; and

WHEREAS, with their wide-ranging skills, traditions of hard work, and respect for family and education, Asian Pacific Alexandrians are helping to build a more vibrant and diverse Alexandria;

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 May 2003, as:

"Asian Pacific American Heritage Month"

in the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of May 2003.

KERRY J. DONLEY MAYOR

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk