

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, TWIG, the Junior Auxillary of Alexandria Hospital was founded in 1933 by Mrs. Julian T. Burke to provide volunteer services, financial aid, and support for Alexandria Hospital; and

WHEREAS, TWIG volunteers have held steadfast to that purpose of serving Alexandria's community hospital for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, the TWIG Thrift Shop, operated solely by TWIG volunteers, has been a part of the Alexandria landscape for 56 years serving Alexandria's citizens; and

WHEREAS, TWIG collective fundraising efforts include the Annual Tour of Homes in Historic Alexandria, Seaport Savories cookbook sales, participation in Antiques in Alexandria and proceeds from the TWIG Thrift Shop have contributed more than 1.7 million dollars to Alexandria Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and unselfish dedication of past and present TWIG members have helped maintain and improve the excellent medical facilities at Inova Alexandria Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of TWIG over the past seven decades have enhanced every department within Alexandria Hospital; and

WHEREAS, most recently TWIG installed a Cancer Infusion Room, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Infant Abduction Monitoring System, CT Scanner, and Biohazard Decontamination Rooms; and

WHEREAS, TWIG has just pledged \$250,000 for Cardiovascular Interventional Radiology which will provide an eight-bed stroke unit; and

WHEREAS, TWIG has worked diligently for 70 years to ensure that all citizens of Alexandria benefit from excellent health care received at Alexandria Hospital; and

WHEREAS, TWIG has sponsored the Vola Lawson Breast Cancer walk each year since its inception, given generously to the Arlandria Health Center for Women and Children and clothed Alexandria's neediest citizens through a voucher program; and

WHEREAS, TWIG volunteers have given 70 years of community service which has enhanced the quality of life for all Alexandria residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate TWIG on its 70th anniversary and proclaim May 2003, as:

"TWIG 70TH ANNIVERSARY 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