

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on October 8, 1974, the Mayor and City Council established the Mayor's Committee for the Handicapped, later renamed the Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities, to remove barriers and foster the full participation of individuals with disabilities in the community life of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, City Council and the City of Alexandria have continued their commitment to citizens with disabilities by strengthening the City's services for such persons and creating an Affirmative Action Plan for the recruitment, advancement and retention of persons with disabilities in City employment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, by this Proclamation, reaffirms its commitment to persons with disabilities and commemorates the 12th-year anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act, a landmark law in the fight for disability rights that has liberated the energies and talents of millions of Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City will recognize Disability Employment Awareness Month by participating in the National Disability Mentoring Day: "Career Development for the 21st Century" on October 16, 2002, and by supporting the City's annual training for Departmental ADA Coordinators on October 23, 2002;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2002, as:

"DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and commend the Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities for providing distinguished service to our community and call upon the citizens and organizations in Alexandria to support their mission of ensuring the dignity, equality, independence and full participation of persons with disabilities in the life of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of October 2002.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk