

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson of Virginia founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the organization which originated the annual observance of Negro History Week. This observance has continued and is now celebrated throughout the month of February as National Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Black History Month 2004 is "Before Brown, Beyond Boundaries: The 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Topeka Board of Education;" and

WHEREAS, an exhibit of posters honoring the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Alexandria Public School students is on view in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall; and

WHEREAS, The Alexandria Black History Resource Center opens, A Century of Just Women: Northern Virginia's African American Women, 1900-1999. This exhibition, based on an education kit of the same name, will celebrate Alexandria's African American women; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Resource Center continues to document, preserve and disseminate African American history through programs in the Museum and Watson Reading Room. These programs include free tutoring, language classes, book clubs and literary events; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Resource Center has planned a series of special events that highlight and celebrate all aspects of African American history and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I , WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council and the citizens of Alexandria, do proclaim the month of February 2004, as:

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in Alexandria, Virginia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of February 2004.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk