

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit is a dollar for dollar reduction of tax liability for low-income wage earners; and

WHEREAS, the Child and Dependent Care credit and the Hope and Lifetime Learning Education credits are also beneficial for low-income wage earners; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned tax credits benefit people of all ages, races, and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, tax credits can be stepping-stones to self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, although more than 456,000 Virginians received over \$785 million as a result of the Earned Income Tax Credit last year, 25 percent of those eligible did not take advantage of this credit; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to inform and educate eligible members of the Alexandria community of the benefits of applying for the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax credits; and

WHEREAS, Community Tax Aid, Inc., and Refunds for Free in Metro DC, two non-profit organizations dedicated to assisting low-income taxpayers, partner with the Federal VITA program and the Alexandria Department of Human Services, to provide free, highly-skilled volunteers throughout the 2004 tax season;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the City's support for the Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign, and urge groups in the City to assist in promoting public awareness of these tax credits for workers.

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