

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes its natural environment is irreplaceable and fragile, and must be preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a national event to increase people's understanding of their environment and mobilize support for its protection; and

WHEREAS, the National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Alexandria as a Tree City USA every year since 1983 and by planting a tree every year on Alexandria Earth Day, the City demonstrates the importance of trees as the backbone of our urban habitat and its commitment to the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Earth Day Committee in partnership with the Environmental Policy Commission, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services sponsors the fifth annual Stream Clean-up at Four Mile Run Park; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Earth Day Committee partners with several community organizations to celebrate Earth Day, including the Campagna Center's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program to conduct Invasive Plant Removal, and the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center for year-round environmental projects; and

WHEREAS, because of the generous support of Alexandria's business community, non-profit organizations, and civic leaders committed to the values of environmental stewardship, Earth Day has become Alexandria's premier environmental celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2004, as:

"ALEXANDRIA EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY"

in the City of Alexandria and hereby commend all persons who are committed to and work towards preserving our environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23rd day of March 2004.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk