

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, violence against women has continued to be perpetrated at a national rate of one domestic assault every 10 seconds; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office on Women provided services to more than 2,000 domestic violence victims and their children during Fiscal Year 2003; and*

*WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, age, racial, and social barriers; and*

*WHEREAS, violence against women results in emotional trauma, physical harm or death to women as well as results in emotional trauma and physical harm to children and perpetuates the cycle of violence; and*

*WHEREAS, the Office on Women is commemorating the victims of domestic violence through a City-wide Awareness Month campaign in October;*

*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 month of October 2003, as:*

**“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”**

*in the City of Alexandria, and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of violence against women.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of October 2003.*

**WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR**

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC      City Clerk