

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving Day celebrates the spirit of selfless giving and an appreciation for family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of Thanksgiving Day is a virtue upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three million Americans, including thirteen million children, live in households without an adequate supply of food; and

WHEREAS, almost three million of these children experience hunger; and

WHEREAS, selfless sacrifice breeds a genuine spirit of Thanksgiving, both affirming and restoring fundamental principles in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby declare Thursday, November 20, 2003, one week before the traditional Thanksgiving, as:

“FEED AMERICA THURSDAY”

and call upon the people of Alexandria to sacrifice, or fast, for two meals on Thursday, November 20, 2003, and to donate the money they would have spent on food to a charitable or religious organization of their choice for the purpose of feeding the hungry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of November 2003.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk