

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 2005 is "The Niagara Movement: Black Protest Reborn 1905-2005." The Niagara Movement was a turn-of-the-century effort to promote racial justice by W.E.B. DuBois and 27 other African American men who urged the need for a more aggressive stand against racism and discrimination and would eventually lead to the creation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; 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 Museum opens, **The Journey Begins: Visions of A Young Artist, Warren L. Harris, Sr.** This exhibition focuses on the career of Warren L. Harris, Sr, a WPA artist who spent part of his early career in Alexandria; and*

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Museum 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 Museum 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 2005, 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 25th day of January 2005.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk