

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Sheriff James H. Dunning, the Alexandria Office of Sheriff strives to deliver excellent, cost-effective corrections and law enforcement services to the citizens of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of Sheriff has 212 employees of which 168 are sworn law enforcement deputy sheriffs that regularly work with the local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and is a major participant in the emergency operations of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of Sheriff provides security for the citizens, judges, jurors and other criminal justice participants in the Alexandria Courthouse as well as serve legal documents issued by the courts; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of Sheriff operates a new generation, direct supervision detention center that allows for constant and direct supervision of inmates which reduce conflict and tension and safely and securely houses more than 10,000 arrestees each year of which many are high profile federal and local prisoners; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of Sheriff, with the assistance of more than 250 citizen volunteers, its Community Services Advisory Board, and 44 civilians, coordinates more than 36 quality and cost-effective programs for inmates in the detention center, such as drug and alcohol therapy units, Woman's Empowerment Program, Offender Aid and Restoration Services, educational units, and diverse religious services; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of Sheriff, in conjunction with the City's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, operates a critical care mental health unit within the detention center, which was recognized by the National Institute of Corrections as a national exemplary project; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of Sheriff has been and is nationally accredited since 1984 and currently is accredited by four national agencies: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA); the American Correctional Association Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC); the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC); and the Community Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF); and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of Sheriff is one of only a few criminal justice agencies in the United States to receive the four national accreditations simultaneously, and the Office of Sheriff has recently been re-accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections;

NOW, THEREFORE, I WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council do hereby recognize the excellent and outstanding accomplishments by the Alexandria Office of Sheriff.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of March 2005.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk