

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, for the past 35 years, Residential Youth Services, Inc. (RYS) has been an integral part of the Alexandria community, serving abused, neglected, homeless and at-risk children, youth and families here in the City and throughout the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, RYS is operating residential homes for foster care children, youth and families, Independent Living Program (ILP) for adolescent boys and girls, ages 16-21; Traditional Living Program for homeless youth, ages 16-21, Teaching Young Mothers Independent and Responsibility (TYMIR) Program for young ladies with babies and infants in our ILP to help the teen mothers successfully transitioned to self-sufficiency and independence; Street Outreach Programs targeting runaway, homeless and street youth in Northern Virginia; and Clinical In-home Services for families at-risk of Out of Home Placement. Last year, RYS program served over 2,074 children, youth and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we would like to celebrate the continued success of Residential Youth Services and join them in raising the much needed funds to support their many outstanding programs, services and initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Residential Youth Services, Inc. wishes to thank everyone for continuing to strengthen the community by addressing the needs of abused, neglected, abandoned and at-risk children, youth and families in the Metropolitan Washington, DC Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria would like to encourage other community agencies and individuals in Northern Virginia to join in celebrating Residential Youth Services Day by participating in the "Children First" Spring Fling and Celebrity Auction at the Crystal City Hyatt Regency Hotel on this special day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council do hereby declare Sunday, May 22, 2005, as:

**"RESIDENTIAL YOUTH SERVICES DAY"**

in the City of Alexandria.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk