

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *The Noonday Optimist Club of Alexandria (Optimist Club) is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary of its founding with the view of helping the youth of the City of Alexandria; and*

WHEREAS, *the Optimist Club has been actively involved with the youth of the City of Alexandria since 1946 by providing an array of support and activities; and*

WHEREAS, *the Optimist Club has continuously provided on an annual basis; an oratorical contest, an essay contest, a communications contest for the deaf and hard of hearing, as well as rewarding students at T. C. Williams High School for superior achievement for those going on to higher education as well as those entering the workforce; and*

WHEREAS, *the Optimist Club for the past several years supported the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria with an annual \$10,000 donation; and*

WHEREAS, *the Optimist Club has supported the public safety professionals of the City of Alexandria with both a Firefighter of the Year and a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; and*

WHEREAS, *the Optimist Club has supported the safety of the youth of the City of Alexandria through an annual bicycle safety program that includes the free distribution of helmets and the Child Safety Seat program which has afforded over 100 free seats approved by the Police Department; and*

WHEREAS, *since 1946 a group of concerned Alexandria citizens including Mayors, Vice Mayors, Council Members and School Board Members have given tens of thousands of dollars to many worthwhile charitable causes that has improved the life of countless young people;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby express the City's appreciation for and congratulations to the:

"OPTIMIST CLUB"

of Alexandria on sixty successful years.

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 April 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk