

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, crime and its aftermath is of deep concern to all in our community; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three million Americans fall victim to crime each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, victims of crime need and deserve support and assistance to help them cope with the consequences of crime; and

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime can gain strength from the wide range of supportive services offered by community and justice based programs; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has demonstrated its caring and compassion for victims of crime from individuals who volunteer to provide support to victims in need, to community collaborations that result in comprehensive services for victims of violence against men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, America has joined together annually each April since 1981 to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a fit occasion to recognize the hard work of agencies and individuals who provide services to victims of crime, and to call attention to the need for citizens to take an active role in the community to reduce violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23 to 29, 2006, to be:

"CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"

and urge all citizens of Alexandria to honor crime victims and those who serve them during this week and throughout the year and to support victims' rights by volunteering their time and talents to the community groups and government agencies that provide local services to victims of crime.

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 April 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk