

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Red Cross held the First Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival twenty-five years ago in 1981, organized as a picnic for Alexandria businesses and led by Ms. Brooksie Mays and Mr. Bill Coakley; and

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Festival has since grown into a major cultural event in the City of Alexandria, featuring live entertainment, arts and crafts, tall ships, children's activities, food, a wine garden and many more attractions; and

WHEREAS, this event is truly a community effort run by sixty Executive Committee volunteers, with an additional 1,000 volunteers staffing the two-day event and supported by the citizens and businesses of the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, festival proceeds support local programs of the Alexandria Red Cross, such as disaster preparedness and response, health and safety courses, youth education, messaging and location services for military families and immigrants, and comforting of Alexandria's low-income elderly with the Festival Visitor Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim June 17 - 18, 2006, as:

**" ALEXANDRIA RED CROSS
WATERFRONT FESTIVAL "**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of June 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk