

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an behalf of the residents of the City of Alexandria, I encourage all citizens to join the Arc of Virginia and the Alexandria Community Services Board in support of the MARCH for Awareness, Resources & Commitment for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities on October 1, 2005 in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of individuals throughout Virginia with mental retardation and developmental disabilities are on the waiting list for services; and

WHEREAS, many parents have been forced to quit their jobs when a child with a developmental disability completes their education because funding is not available for day support; and

WHEREAS, thousands of elderly parents in Virginia have no idea what will become of their children with mental retardation when they are gone; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement rates for providers of care in group homes have not increased in over a decade, and many group homes in Virginia are either struggling or out of business entirely; and

WHEREAS, we believe that Virginia citizens with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and their families are long overdue for real change to community-based supports in Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby encourage the citizens of Alexandria to support the Arc of Virginia's call to action by attending the:

"MARCH FOR AWARENESS, RESOURCES AND COMMITMENT OCTOBER 1, 2005 IN RICHMOND"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of September 2005.

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

ATTEST:

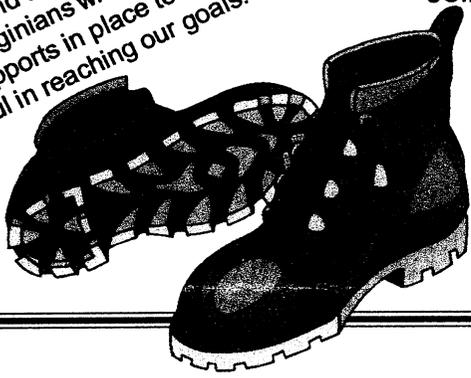
Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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A Life Like Yours!



The Arc of Northern Virginia is starting our MARCH to Richmond from Northern Virginia on Saturday October 1, 2005 - when MARcK Brobston a staff member of The Arc begins his 100 mile MARCH to Richmond. MARcK is going to backpack to Richmond to demonstrate the bare bones life-style our Commonwealth provides for many Virginians with disabilities - and how it is important for ALL of us to have supports in place to ensure that we are successful in reaching our goals!



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT M"ARC"KS MARCH TO RICHMOND

Join us on Sunday September 25, 2005 when we send MARcK on his way, Join MARcK along the way as he MARCHs to the Mayo Island site on October 1, Sponsor and get your friends to sponsor his 100 Mile MARCH to Richmond, Become a MARCH sponsor - buses, and t-shirts are needed, or Simply put on your marching shoes and join us on the bus to Richmond on October 1, 2005

I would like to send M"Arc"K off on Sunday, September 25th, 2005 from _____ and support him on his MARCH to Richmond.

I am sponsoring M"Arc"K at \$_____/mile for 100mi = Donation Amt \$_____

In addition to supporting M"Arc"K I recruited the following sponsors listed below and I am including their donations with this form:

- 1. Name _____ Donation Amt _____
Address: _____ City&ST _____ Zip Code _____
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Total Donations included with this form _____

All donations are 100% tax deductible. Please make checks payable to "The Arc of Northern Virginia" Mail donations to: 100 N. Washington Street, Suite #234, Falls Church, VA 22046. For questions on sponsoring M"Arc"K in his MARCH to Richmond please call The Arc office at 703-532-3214.

Sponsorships will provide support to The Arc of Northern Virginias participation in The Arc of Virginias Second MARCH on Richmond October 1, 2005

"A Life Like Yours"

Building Opportunities for Virginians with Disabilities

