

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson of Virginia founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASAALH), the organization originated the annual observance of Negro History Week. This observance has continued and is now celebrated throughout the month of February as National Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASAALH's theme for Black History Month 2007 is "From Slavery to Freedom: Africans in the Americas;" and

**WHEREAS**, an exhibit honoring the work of African Americans in public safety called *Serving with Distinction: African Americans in Alexandria Public Safety* is on view in February in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alexandria Black History Museum opens a new exhibition in February called, *From Morning to Night: Domestic Service in the Gilded Age South*, a traveling exhibition sponsored by Maymount Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. poster contest and exhibition sponsored by the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage and the Alexandria Black History Museum, featuring posters by Alexandria Public School students is on view in the Dr. Oswald Durant Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Black History Museum continues to document, preserve, and disseminate African American history through programs in the Museum and Watson Reading Room, including free tutoring, language classes, performances, and literary events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Black History Museum has planned a series of special events that highlight and celebrate all aspects of African American history and culture;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council and the citizens of Alexandria do proclaim the month of February 2007, as:

**"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

in Alexandria, Virginia

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2007.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk