EXHIBIT NO. 1

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PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, for more than a century, American Red Cross has been at the forefront of helping Americans prevent, prepare for and respond to large and small disasters. Families and communities depend on the Red Cross in times of need; yet the Red Cross depends on the support of the American people to help sustain the foundation; and*

***WHEREAS**, each year during the month of March we formally recognize the American Red Cross and its essential humanitarian role in our community. We honor the role of the Alexandria Chapter's contribution to making Alexandria, Virginia a better place. This year we focus on the spirit of the volunteers, donors, partners and employees who support the Red Cross mission of humanitarianism; and*

***WHEREAS**, for more than 90 years, the Red Cross in Alexandria has relied on the everyday heroes who donate time, blood or money; heroes who help coordinate blood drives, heroes who offer support and companionship for our City seniors; heroes who come to the aid of our residents affected by natural disasters - such as flooding. These heroes continuously serve their community in a number of ways; and*

***WHEREAS**, it has been the place where compassionate people freely give their time and talent to help prevent and ease human suffering among friends, neighbors and even strangers; and*

***WHEREAS**, in the past year alone, the Alexandria Chapter responded to 14 local emergencies, aiding 23 families who were affected by home fires, flooding and power outages. In the fiscal year 2006, over 591 volunteers were trained in the City of Alexandria to provide appropriate disaster response on behalf of the American Red Cross; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Chapter and its volunteers and donors continue to provide valuable tools and education to individuals, families, workplaces and schools - making us all stronger and more resilient; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year we dedicate a day to our dedicated volunteers; our hometown heroes. On Hometown Heroes Day, we celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the many heroes of the Alexandria Red Cross for their contribution to building a better quality of life in Alexandria, Virginia. For the next 125 years and beyond, the Red Cross will meet the needs of the public by fostering volunteers who are professional, prepared and committed to continuing the tradition of providing supreme service delivery to our community;*

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

"AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH"

I urge all Americans to continue to give your time, blood and money to make a difference in the humanitarian fabric of this community. We help each other when we help the Red Cross.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of February 2007.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk