

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is proud to join the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in celebrating the thirty-ninth anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Law, which, as amended, provides for equal opportunity for all persons in the sale, rental, and financing of housing and prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Human Rights Ordinance is one of the strongest fair housing laws in Virginia, prohibiting discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the City, in 1987, established a Fair Housing Testing Program which monitors rental, sales and lending practices to ensure equal housing opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has consistently opposed all forms of housing discrimination and continues to provide strong leadership in furthering fair housing goals; and

WHEREAS, proper enforcement of fair housing laws requires the continued cooperation of all levels of government, the real estate and homebuilding industries and individuals; and

WHEREAS, national data indicate that, despite all of the progress that communities and professionals have made, fair housing violations still exist in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and its elected leaders urge all agencies, institutions, and individuals to join in creating and promoting fair housing opportunities for all people.

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

"FAIR HOUSING MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24th day of April 2007.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk