

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence has continued to be perpetrated at a national rate of one domestic assault every 10 seconds; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office on Women provided services to nearly 2,000 domestic violence victims, women and men, and their children during Fiscal Year 2006; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, age, racial, and social barriers; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence results in emotional trauma, physical harm, or death; as well as results in emotional trauma and physical harm to children and perpetuates the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Women is commemorating the victims of domestic violence through a City-wide Education and Awareness Month campaign in October;

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

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of intimate partner violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26th day of September 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk