

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, City Council adopted a Community Pathways resolution on February 14, 2006 to focus on people, neighborhoods, parks, and schools, which in part emphasizes Safe Routes to School; and*

*WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and*

*WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and*

*WHEREAS, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and*

*WHEREAS, community leaders and parents in Alexandria have created an inventory outlining the "walkability" of city elementary schools and are making plans to implement improvements to enable children to safely walk and bicycle; and*

*WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2006 as:*

**"WALK TO SCHOOL DAY"**

*in the City of Alexandria. I call upon our citizens and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and everyday.*

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

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk