

*WHEREAS, in the United States, the lifetime risk of a woman developing breast cancer is one in eight; and*

*WHEREAS, increased use of mammography has resulted in breast cancers being found earlier in their development, when they are smaller and at less advanced stages; and*

*WHEREAS, in the 1940s, only 72% of women diagnosed with breast cancer survived for five years. Today, the five-year survival rate for women with localized breast cancer is 97%; and*

*WHEREAS, annual screening mammography should begin at age 40 and continue as long as a woman is healthy and able to undergo the test and should be complemented by annual breast examinations by a medical professional; and*

*WHEREAS, over 2,300 uninsured Alexandria women have been afforded mammograms using funds raised by the **Walk to Fight Breast Cancer**, held annually since 1994; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of the City Manager, the Alexandria Office on Women, the Alexandria Commission for Women, the Alexandria Commission on Aging, the Alexandria Health Department, the Alexandria Office of Aging and Adult Services, the Y-ME of the National Capital Area, the Alexandria Business & Professional Women, the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, the Women Mean Business, the Inova Alexandria Hospital, the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation, and the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Development Committee are sponsoring the Thirteenth Annual **Walk to Fight Breast Cancer** on Saturday, October 21, 2006 to raise funds to support free mammograms for uninsured and under insured low-income women; and*

*WHEREAS, all Alexandrians are invited to join the **Walk to Fight Breast Cancer** on October 21, 2006, at 8:00 a.m., at Cameron Run Regional Park, or to sponsor participants in the Walk;*

*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:*

**“BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”  
 AND  
 OCTOBER 20 AS “MAMMOGRAPHY DAY”**

*in the City of Alexandria, and encourage all women in Alexandria to be aware that they are at risk for breast cancer, and urge them to discuss early detection measures with their own health care providers.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2006.*

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

ATTEST:

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 Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC    City Clerk