

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June marks the graduation of high school seniors across Northern Virginia region; and

WHEREAS, more than 625 students will graduate from T. C. Williams School in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Project Graduation was formed in 1998 to assist regional All-Night Alcohol/Drug-Free Celebrations in order to prevent truancy and instill our young people with the idea that one can celebrate without the indulgence of alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, a group of dedicated parents, volunteers and the PTSA, since 1998 have provided a safe, substance-free celebration for T. C. Williams graduates and as a result, there have been no alcohol or drug-related accidents or deaths on graduation night; and

WHEREAS, this year's T. C. Williams All-Night Drug and Alcohol Graduation Celebration will be at the Chinquapin Recreation Center on June 25, 2009, and

WHEREAS, this community effort is supported by business, professional, religious, and community organizations from all parts of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, we wish to thank all persons and organizations involved in this year's All-Night Graduation Celebration for their hard work and commitment to the safety and security of our young 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 June 2009 as:

"SAFE GRADUATION MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and we encourage all students to participate in this event in a safe and responsible way to celebrate a significant milestone in their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council congratulate the graduates of the Alexandria City Council congratulating high school seniors from T. C. Williams High School, Bishop Ireton High School, St. Stephens and St. Agnes High School, Episcopal High School, Commonwealth Academy for their academic achievements, and we wish each of them good luck in their future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of June 2009.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk