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WHEREAS, Bernard "Ben" Brenman, USA, Ret. Col. envisioned a community archaeology program for Alexandria in which sites across the entire City representing all peoples and times would be valued by everyone living in and visiting Alexandria today; and

WHEREAS, Ben believed that a community working together in a partnership of residents, developers, archaeologists, volunteers and students could successfully "save, study, and share" Alexandria's special heritage; and

WHEREAS, Ben was a founder and chairman for 21 years of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, the first such local government commission in America; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission has established the Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award to recognize partners who have given significant contributions toward Alexandria's community archaeology; and

WHEREAS, the Brenman Award acknowledges high quality work, innovation, commitment or extraordinary efforts in preservation, research, protection, enhancement, creation of historic parks and open spaces, documentation, education, public appreciation and advocacy for archaeology; and

WHEREAS, a 2009 Brenman Award is presented to Vivienne Mitchell in recognition of her knowledge, commitment, and love of the past, providing the foundation of the philosophy and goals of Alexandria Archaeology and the Alexandria Archaeological Commission for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, a 2009 Brenman Award is presented to Joe Reeder in recognition of his stewardship and setting an outstanding example of a resident safeguarding archaeological resources by proactively partnering with City Archaeologists to find evidence of the past during a renovation of his Prince Street home; and

WHEREAS, a 2009 Brenman Award is presented to Elizabeth Henry Douglas in recognition of her participation in the Alexandria Oral History Program, generously sharing her knowledge of the Seminary neighborhood's African-American community, thereby providing the basis of Fort Ward's "African American Walking Tour" and her continuing help in identifying potential archaeological sites at the Fort; and

WHEREAS, a 2009 Brenman Award is presented to the Louis Berger Group, Inc. in recognition of its high standards of archaeological investigation and historical study, providing new insights into the Bruin Slave Jail, African American history, slavery and antebellum life in the City of Alexandria, and producing an outstanding report with groundbreaking research on the ship manifests documenting the Edmonson family's transportation by Joseph Bruin to New Orleans and their subsequent freedom; and

WHEREAS, a 2009 Brenman Award is presented to Sarah Borgatti, Virginia Society of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) President, in recognition of her desire to find and save sites, her exemplification of the best in archaeological advocacy and volunteerism, and her enterprising energy in raising \$6,237, donated by CAR to the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology's (FOAA) conservation efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby bestow the 2009 Ben Brenman awards to:

VIVIENNE MITCHELL
JOE REEDER
ELIZABETH HENRY DOUGLAS
LOUIS BERGER GROUP, INC.
SARAH BORGATTI

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of October 2009.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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Dear Mayor Euille,

Thank you for talking with me regarding a venue for presenting the third annual Bernard (Ben) Brenman Award for Archaeology. The Alexandria Archaeology Commission (AAC) would like to honor this year's five award recipients by presenting their awards and proclamations to them before you and the members of City Council. The AAC has learned that this presentation can no longer be done at a City Council meeting as has been done in the past. We would like to make the presentation prior to a City Council meeting if possible, either in Council Chambers or a work room or

in the Vola Lawson lobby at City Hall. You had mentioned that Tuesday, October 27th might be available. That date would be an excellent choice as we could then present the awards during Virginia Archaeology Month.

Comments:

The Archaeology Commission members and the Brenman Award recipients would greatly appreciate having you and the members of City Council at the awards presentation. The five award recipients this year are: Vivienne Mitchell for her nearly 35 years of community involvement; Joe Reeder for exemplary stewardship of his historic home and property; Elizabeth Henry Douglas for her contributions to the City's oral history, particularly that relating to the African-American community; Sarah Borgatti, who raised over \$6,200 to conserve a wooden water pump found in an Alexandria well; and the Louis Berger Group, for their historical study and archaeological work of the Bruin Slave site. If there are any further arrangements that the AAC needs to make for this awards ceremony, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Pepper
Chair, Alexandria Archaeology

Commission