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WHEREAS, the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade was started 39 years ago by The Campagna Center in partnership with the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., and the City of Alexandria, to celebrate our City's Scottish heritage, our unique quality of life, and the mission of The Campagna Center; and

WHEREAS, for 64 years, the Campagna Center has drawn together the resources of the Alexandria community to provide programs that help children become productive adults and has provided an arena for all Alexandrians (or volunteers) to share their talents and skills in support of their community; and continued the important work of Betty Wright, Elizabeth Anne Campagna, and other community activists who, through their vision, created a safe haven in the Alexandria community where all families and children could flourish; and

WHEREAS, The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating 42 years of Alexandria Head Start, a comprehensive child development program for more than 300 low-income children that improves school readiness skills and helps break the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating 32 years of Campagna Kids, a nationally accredited before- and after-school program that serves 800 children at 12 sites across the City; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff of The Campagna Center influence the lives of more than 1,500 children each day through Early Head Start, Alexandria Head Start, the Campagna Early Learning Center, Afternoon Adventures, Campagna Kids, Wright to Read, and Building Better Futures; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 39th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk is "More than a Weekend...An Alexandria Tradition"; and

WHEREAS, the following corporations are actively supporting The Campagna Center through their sponsorship of the 39th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend: Christine Garner, Weichert Realtors; Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC, Whole Foods, the City of Alexandria, Rebuilding Together Alexandria, Sue and Marty Goodhart, Mercer Trigiani, Donnan Wintermute, Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust, Commercial Carpets of America, Focus Data Solutions, Krekeler Brower Wealth Advisors, Lindsay Automotive Group, Dr. Kathleen Mullaney, Murphy & Associates, R.L. Kane, Inc., Alexandria Gazette Packet, Comcast, The Connection Newspapers, Local Kicks, Mount Vernon Voice, Washington Life Magazine, 7-Eleven, Alexandria Washington Lodge 22, Coffield Law Group, Colonial Parking, Common Fund, Mercedes-Benz of Alexandria, Mercer, Oxford Finance Corporation, and The Lukens Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 5, 2009, as the:

"39th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMPAGNA CENTER'S SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK"

and encourage the citizens of Alexandria to observe this with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24th day of November 2009.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk