

*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 2011 Brenman Award for Outstanding Community Research is presented to the Fort Ward History Group (FWHG) in recognition of their painstaking research on the history of Fort Ward, for producing a repository of historical information on the occupants of The Fort, an African American community, and on the Seminary area, for two years of meetings to share information, question the origins of The Fort and discuss research, thus greatly aiding in the archaeological study and preservation of Fort Ward, as well as a fuller interpretation of the park as a significant African American historic place; and*

*WHEREAS, a 2011 Brenman Award for Outstanding Professional Archaeologist is presented to Martha Williams in recognition of her nearly 40 years of outstanding teaching, historic research, and archaeological investigations in and near Alexandria, for her excellence in completing numerous investigations and reports in her career as archaeologist with Christopher Goodwin and Associates, for writing several superb histories of Alexandria and Fairfax County, and, while most places about which she has written are now redeveloped, for her archaeological work and written materials that allow past incarnations to live on for the community; and*

*WHEREAS, a 2011 Brenman Award for Outstanding Archaeology-Inspired Design Project is presented to LandDesign in recognition of its creativity and collaborative interaction with the Office of Historic Alexandria to develop a monument in South Carlyle Square, for producing a design for this stainless steel globe monument depicting historical trading routes between Alexandria and the world, for diligently researching accurate historical information in Alexandria Archaeology files as part of the archaeology code, and of its talent for incorporating history into design where it is least expected.*

*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 2011 Ben Brenman awards to:*

**"FORT WARD HISTORY GROUP  
MARTHA WILLIAMS  
LANDESIGN"**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk