

**PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS**, 2002 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alexandria Crime Solvers program, a venerable civic group that continues to be a crucial part of Alexandria's present and future; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1982, a group of concerned business and civic leaders decided to take an active role in helping to fight Alexandria's rising crime rate; and*

***WHEREAS**, together they formed Alexandria Crime Solvers program, a program in which rewards are paid for information leading to criminal indictments; and*

***WHEREAS**, shortly after news of the proposed program appeared in the local press, informants flooded the police department with calls – and Crime Solvers started two months earlier than planned; and*

***WHEREAS**, since that successful beginning, the Alexandria Crime Solvers has proved to be an effective and cost efficient weapon against crime, with an impressive record of stolen property recovered, illicit drugs taken off the streets and a number of murders and violent crimes solved; and*

***WHEREAS**, to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Alexandria Crime Solvers program is kicking off an educational outreach to civic and business groups to reintroduce the Crime Solvers program and to explain the specifics of the group's important functions;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby endorse the vital work of Alexandria Crime Solvers, Inc., and encourage all civic and business groups and Citizens to participate in their ongoing programs.*

***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 June 2002.*

**KERRY J. DONLEY**      **MAYOR**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk