

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Christmas in April was first established in Midland, Texas, and was later replicated in more than 400 cities and towns across the country including Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Alexandria, as Christmas in April, Inc. is now known, was established in 1986 by dedicated Alexandria residents as an annual volunteer project to repair and rehabilitate, at no cost to the homeowner, the homes of low-income, elderly and disabled Alexandrians so they may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence; and

WHEREAS, the first annual Rebuilding Alexandria Together project targeted the Arlandria East area and since that time has expanded to the entire Alexandria community repairing over 750 homes with over 1,000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, all funds required for Rebuilding Alexandria Together projects are raised through private and corporate donations, team-sponsored fundraisers, and the Alexandria Housing Trust Fund; additional funds are raised through Alexandria businesses, allowing Rebuilding Together Alexandria to repair homes on an emergency basis throughout the entire calendar year; and

WHEREAS, this is the eleventh year members of the Alexandria City Council, together with the Alexandria Police Department, the Alexandria Fire Department, the City Clerk's, City Attorney's and City Manager's Offices, and many more City staff have participated as a team in Alexandria Rebuilding Together; and

WHEREAS, a picnic and Spring concert will be held at the end of the day, Saturday, April 24th at Fort Ward Park for over 1,000 volunteers who participated in repairing homes in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, April 24, 2004, has been designated as Alexandria Rebuilding Together Day in the City of Alexandria, and all persons are encouraged to participate in this effort whereby neighbors are helping neighbors across the City and throughout the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby endorse the continued participation of all Alexandrians in Rebuilding Together Alexandria and invite the community, City staff and their families to join in the fun and teamwork on Saturday, April 24, 2004.

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 April 2004.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk