WHEREAS, Alexandria is an historic, culturally rich destination that traces its heritage back to its Scottish roots among its founding fathers; and

WHEREAS, the land on which the town of Alexandria was built was once the property of Scotsman John Alexander; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's Scottish history is celebrated today with the Campagna Center's Annual Scottish Walk Weekend, the Annual Scottish Festival, and as part of other popular events and celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Scottish Terrier is symbolic of Alexandria's Scottish heritage as well as its love of animals, including dogs, cats and other beloved pets; and

WHEREAS, tourism spending in Alexandria is over a half billion dollars annually, and tourism contributes millions of dollars in direct taxes each year to the City's tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association (ACVA) has incorporated Alex, the Scotty Dog, into its tourism marketing programs, and Alex helps to promote City programs such as Alexandria's Wireless Zone;

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

"ALEX, THE SCOTTY DOG"

as the official mascot of the ACVA and its members and do urge all citizens in the City of Alexandria to join in celebrating Alexandria as a pet-friendly City and Alex, the Scotty Dog, as symbolic of our love of all pets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of May 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk