WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria government is committed to its values of respect, responsibility, teamwork, communication, diversity and leadership and has instituted a City Stars! Award to honor individual employees or groups of employees who exemplify the City's values; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to recognize Randy Merritt, who has worked since April 14, 2003 as, Inspector II in the Transportation and Environmental Services Department, for his exemplary work and the high level of responsibility he willingly assumed while working on the Whole Foods Market project at 1700 Duke Street. This was a highly visible project because of the impact on traffic flow in the heavily-traveled Duke Street corridor. His single-minded persistence and extreme hard work made the timely opening of the Whole Foods Market a reality for the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, his exceptional, customer-focused service working with the developer, utility companies, contractors at the site, and City staff was the catalyst behind the project meeting and exceeding construction and occupancy expectations; and

WHEREAS, his timely responses to the concerns of the many agencies and neighboring businesses created goodwill for the City government among our constituents; and

WHEREAS, in his efforts to address the project's impact on Duke Street traffic and to increase productivity, much of his work was performed at night and on weekends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim that a CityStars! Employee of the Month Award be bestowed on:

"RANDY MERRITT"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of June 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC
City Clerk