WHEREAS, every two and one-half minutes someone in America is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Justice estimates that nearly 400,000 adult women and men are sexually assaulted each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one in three girls and one in seven boys are sexually assaulted before the age of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office on Women Sexual Assault Response and Awareness Program (SARA) provided services to 648 adult and child victims of sexual assault during Fiscal Year 2006; and

WHEREAS, the impact of sexual assault is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, age, racial, sexual orientation and social barriers; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence results in emotional trauma, physical harm, or death; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Women SARA Program is commemorating the victims of sexual violence through a City-wide public awareness campaign during April;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2007 as:

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of April 2007.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC  City Clerk