

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Elder Crafters of Alexandria, Inc. is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding as a voluntary not-for-profit organization established to contribute to the independence, self-esteem, financial needs and well-being of people over 55 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Elder Crafters achieves its goals by educating, advising and encouraging these crafters in the making of fine handicrafts and providing a retail shop at 405 Cameron Street; and

WHEREAS, the founders of Elder Crafters included four volunteers and six directors of agencies serving the elderly, particularly Florence Price who brought her vision to Alexandria and nurtured it until her death in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the success of Elder Crafters is based on the unstinting volunteerism of crafters, volunteer helpers, a paid shop manager, and the support and encouragement of Alexandria City officials and individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee, originally chaired by Betty Nester, also a founder and past-president of Elder Crafters, was formed to establish quality, distinctiveness and fair pricing for the items being offered; and

WHEREAS, Elder Crafters also offers courses on crafting and workshops to help craft workers make the move from amateur to pro status; and

WHEREAS, twelve volunteers and 107 crafters from 17 states continue to offer Alexandria area residents opportunities to pursue creative crafts and to have financial rewards for their creativity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby express the City's appreciation for and congratulations for twenty-five successful years in Alexandria to:

"ELDER CRAFTERS OF ALEXANDRIA, INC."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of September 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk