PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence has continued to be perpetrated at a national rate of one domestic assault every 10 seconds; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office on Women provided services to nearly 2,000 domestic violence victims, women and men, and their children during Fiscal Year 2007; and

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

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence results in emotional trauma, physical harm, or death; as well as results in emotional trauma and physical harm to children and perpetuates the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Women is commemorating victims and survivors of domestic violence through a City-wide Education and Awareness Month campaign in October;

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

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of intimate partner violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of September 2007.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC   City Clerk