

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to creating a City where teenagers are valued and appreciated; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria acknowledges the important roles that young people play in shaping our community and recognizes youth as resources who bring diverse levels of leadership, experiences and promise; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria celebrates our teens as the energizers of today and the holders of tomorrow and recognizes the major impact they have made and continue to make through civic engagement, volunteerism, and significant contributions to a multitude of worthy causes, all of which help to assure that our communities will continue to flourish and prosper; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria appreciates the full diversity and complexity of teen life and recognizes that effective, meaningful and clear communication is a crucial component in creating an atmosphere of understanding with, developing connections to, and shaping the potential of teens in Alexandria; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is committed to empowering youth leadership and recognizes that youth action, inclusion and participation are key to developing our world for today's and tomorrow's generations, we salute the personal and academic achievements of all teens and seek to encourage, motivate and inspire all young people to prosper, thrive and blossom into successful young adults; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Youth Council requests that all teens in grades 9 through 12 get involved and observe Teen Day by attending the Alexandria Youth Council's Teen Summit on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. at the Minnie Howard campus of T.C. Williams High School. This year's theme, "Live Out Loud," is an opportunity for teens to celebrate their accomplishments, gain new skills and have fun;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 16, 2009 as:*

**"TEEN DAY"**

*and celebrate and acknowledge the important part that teens play in our lives and in the City of Alexandria. I ask everyone to join the Alexandria City Council in congratulating and recognizing the Alexandria Youth Council for their efforts to make a difference in the lives of Alexandria's youth.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.*

**WILLIAM D. EUILLE** MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk