

*WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2008, approximately 500,000 children nationally, and 9,616 children in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and 181 children in the City of Alexandria are in foster care; and*

*WHEREAS, these children need loving and committed individuals and couples to serve as foster and adoptive families, so that they remain in a family setting while in care; and*

*WHEREAS, Charlotte Spinner, a resident of the City of Alexandria, has been a foster parent with the Alexandria Department of Human Services since February 2006; and*

*WHEREAS, Charlotte has been an exemplary advocate, support and caregiver for the foster children in her home, while honoring their birth families and birth heritage; and*

*WHEREAS, Charlotte Spinner's diligence, compassion and commitment to the children in her care have made a huge difference in their lives on a daily basis and in preparing them for the future; and*

*WHEREAS, Charlotte Spinner was recognized by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Freddie Mac Foundation, as a recipient of the 2008 Foster Parent of the Year Award at the Foster Parent Appreciation Gala on May 30, 2009; and*

*WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria wishes to bring to the attention of the citizens of Alexandria the importance of foster care in our community and our society, and the need for caring and loving homes for children whose birth families are unable to care for them; and*

*WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria wishes to recognize the extraordinary care that Charlotte Spinner provides to the foster children in her home and the honor that was bestowed on her by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Freddie Mac Foundation;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby call upon the citizens of the City to join us in recognizing:*

**“CHARLOTTE SPINNER AS 2008  
FOSTER PARENT OF THE YEAR”**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2009.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC    City Clerk