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*WHEREAS, the month of March is nationally designated as Women's History Month, the purpose of which is to increase awareness and knowledge of women's history and to encourage the integration of women's history into the teaching and learning of all history; and*

*WHEREAS, the Women's History Project developed by the Alexandria Commission for Women has served as a catalyst for ongoing research and recognition of the many women of Alexandria's past and present who have made enduring contributions to our City, and has resulted in the formation of Alexandria Women's History Walks and other presentations in honor of these women; and*

*WHEREAS, March 8<sup>th</sup> is recognized as International Women's Day to highlight the achievements of women around the world and to recognize the struggle for rights, equality, and well-being that women face; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria offers services dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of women in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Commission for Women supports the Domestic Violence Program and Sexual Assault Program through advocacy and fund raising through the Friends of the Alexandria Commission for Women; and*

*WHEREAS, on March 28, 2011, the Commission for Women will hold the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Salute to Women Awards Banquet, which raises funds for the Sexual Assault Program and honors extraordinary women in the Alexandria community in the fields of public policy, arts and culture, city government, business, and service to youth, among others; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Commission for Women continue to strive to improve the lives of women in Alexandria through the initiatives such as the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy, the protection of breastfeeding rights, monitoring of women's participation in the City workforce, and through collaborating with the multitude of community organizations on other issues of great importance to the lives of women.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, hereby recognize:*

**"WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"**

and

**"INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY"**

and reaffirm the commitment of the city to women's rights, equality, and well-being.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk