

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Administration on Aging has designated the month of May as Older Americans Month, and this year's theme is Never Too Old to Play; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is a community that includes citizens aged 60 and older and is poised with its new Strategic Plan on Aging; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Alexandria are among our most "treasured resources," united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active longer than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Alexandria deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Alexandrians by: increasing their opportunities to remain active and engage in community life; providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Alexandrians as they age; combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions; and

WHEREAS, May is also National Elder Abuse Prevention Month, to help educate citizens of all ages about the problems of elder abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, At Home in Alexandria (AHA), the City's Department of Human and Community Services' Division of Aging and Adult Services, and Senior Services of Alexandria, along with the Commission on Aging, work together each and every day to provide support and services to our older Alexandrians.

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

**"OLDER AMERICANS MONTH AND
OLDER ALEXANDRIANS MONTH AND
AND NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

And do hereby call on all Alexandrians to join in celebrating the contributions of the many older persons in our lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of May, 2012.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk