

PROCLAMATION

5-24-11

WHEREAS, May is National Foster Care Month, during which citizens and local governments are asked to renew a commitment to ensuring a brighter future for foster youth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is committed to continuing our tradition of honoring our region's most selfless citizens, foster parents, while recruiting more resource parents for the region's children; and

WHEREAS, the need for loving foster parents continues to grow in the metropolitan Washington area; and

WHEREAS, as local governments continue to face extremely difficult fiscal constraints, we must be pragmatic about our work and consider ways to increase the number of resource homes available for foster children with the scarce resources that are available; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Governments (COG) received a grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation to support a regional appreciation celebration at Nationals Park that recognized existing parents, including the production of a video to recruit other foster parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby gratefully acknowledge the ongoing financial support of the Freddie Mac Foundation to support foster care and other child welfare concerns in the region, and the Washington Nationals for their assistance in planning and hosting this event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The City Council supports the efforts by COG to encourage other local governments in the region to seek ways to honor local foster parents and recruit additional foster homes, including the airing of COG's foster care video on local cable television stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24th day of May 2011.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk