

WHEREAS, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria was founded in 1946 as a non-profit organization by a small group of pet lovers and individuals concerned for the care and welfare of companion animals in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, for the past 65 years, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria has been an active community partner, vested in protecting the health and safety of our residents and animals, and serving as the voice of animal welfare and protection within our community to provide a temporary refuge for homeless animals, and to place such animals in good homes whenever practicable; provide compassionate care and humanely euthanize those animals unable to be placed in homes; prevent all forms of cruelty to animals; and educate the public on the appropriate care of companion animals; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, the pet-loving residents and animal-friendly businesses of our City take great pride in Alexandria consistently being ranked as one of the Top Ten Pet Friendliest Cities in the US by a variety of external media sources; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, by contract with the City of Alexandria, operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, has provided animal care, control, sheltering and protection services to tens of thousands of animals – both wild and domestic – in our community since 1989 by: providing shelter for dogs, cats, and other companion animals; rescuing and reuniting lost pets with their families; rescuing companion animals and wildlife from dangerous settings; adopting homeless animals, including those with special needs, into new loving homes; striving to end the cycle of homeless and abandoned animals; and educating our community's residents and children on proper animal care and teaching them to respect all living creatures; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria through its board, dedicated staff and volunteers pledges to continue its invaluable service to our community's companion animals and their caregivers—providing shelter to homeless animals and education and outreach to animal lovers requesting assistance with professionalism and compassion.

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

“THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE”

of Alexandria, Virginia on this 65th anniversary of its charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of June 2011.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk