

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the medical condition known as HIV and AIDS was first detected in our country thirty years ago, the first case of AIDS was reported in Alexandria, VA in 1982 and the HIV/AIDS epidemic is now entering its fourth decade; and

WHEREAS, each year, on June 27, the National Association of People with AIDS organizes National HIV Testing Day (NHTD), in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other national and local entities across the country; and

WHEREAS, mayors of our cities are uniquely well placed to help their constituents understand that all Americans need to be tested for HIV, to safeguard their own health and bring the epidemic under control; and

WHEREAS, in Alexandria, 1701 people are living with HIV and AIDS; and 25% of all those infected with HIV in the City do not know they have the infection, and can unknowingly pass HIV onto to others; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and the Alexandria Health Department recommend that every person and resident of the City aged 13 to 64 get an HIV test; and

WHEREAS, knowing one's HIV status is an essential step in taking control of one's life and health; and the Alexandria Health Department, K.I Services, Inc and Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry offer free confidential counseling and testing in our City.

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 week of June 27th as:

"NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY"

in which City residents will join with others throughout the United States and obtain voluntary HIV testing and counseling to learn about their HIV status to take control of their lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution and copies hereof are presented to the National Association of People with AIDS in appreciation of their concern and for their dedication to people living with HIV/AIDS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28th day of June, 2011.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk