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9-28-10**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and Senior Services of Alexandria partner to provide nutritious meals to over 100 seniors five days a week through the Meals on Wheels Program; and

WHEREAS, Ronald M. Bradley, Chair of the Ronald M. Bradley Foundation, came to Senior Services of Alexandria in December 2008 to make a donation because he believed the organization to be a good one which provided needed services to the elderly in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley learned that there was no meal delivery on federal holidays to these seniors, and knew that some might go hungry because they have no family nearby, can no longer go to the store to buy food, or simply can't use the stove because of poor eyesight or other infirmities, so he therefore committed his donation to fund meals on all federal holidays; and

WHEREAS, because Mr. Bradley wanted these holiday meals to be special and to reflect the traditions of each holiday, Senior Services of Alexandria worked with the food provider to prepare foods of the holiday, such as turkey and dressing on Thanksgiving and barbecue on the Fourth of July; and

WHEREAS, by funding the Holiday Meals on Wheels Program, Mr. Bradley, through his Foundation, is ensuring that seniors in need are not forgotten and receive a nutritious hot meal on holidays; and

WHEREAS, the Ronald M. Bradley Foundation has funded the holiday meals not only in 2009 and in 2010, but has again committed to funding holiday meals for 2011; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Alexandria challenges organizations, foundations, and individuals to help close the gap in order to provide meals to our homebound seniors seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, so that no senior ever goes hungry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby give our heartiest thanks and appreciation to:

**RONALD M. BRADLEY,
CHAIR OF THE RONALD M. BRADLEY FOUNDATION,**

for his generosity, kindness and commitment to feeding seniors on all federal holidays in 2009, 2010 and in 2011.

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 September 2010.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk