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*WHEREAS, Bernard "Ben" Brenman, USA, Ret. Col. envisioned a community archaeology program for Alexandria in which sites across the entire City representing all peoples and times would be valued by everyone living in and visiting Alexandria today; and*

*WHEREAS, Ben believed that a community working together in a partnership of residents, developers, archaeologists, volunteers and students could successfully "save, study, and share" Alexandria's special heritage; and*

*WHEREAS, Ben was a founder and chairman for 21 years of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, the first such local government commission in America; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission has established the Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award to recognize partners who have given significant contributions toward Alexandria's community archaeology and the Brenman Award acknowledges high quality work, innovation, commitment or extraordinary efforts in preservation, research, protection, enhancement, creation of historic parks and open spaces, documentation, education, public appreciation and advocacy for archaeology; and*

*WHEREAS, a 2010 Brenman Award is presented to Judy McConville in recognition of her outstanding example as an educator dedicated to helping teachers and students alike learn and better understand the City where they live by being responsible for K-12 History and Social Science curriculum, participating in revising the State Standards of Learning, helping administer a Teaching American History grant, and working with Alexandria Archaeology to improve school curriculums and teaching resources; and*

*WHEREAS, a 2010 Brenman Award is presented to Wesley Pippenger in recognition of his research and transcriptions of Alexandria cemetery markers and records, discovering forgotten documents and sharing his research with Alexandria Archaeology, especially the record of burials listing the names and information of more than 1800 African-Americans who died during and after the Civil War, thereby allowing further research and archaeological investigations of the future Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial, and in recognition of his discoveries of historic maps of Alexandria's waterfront used to create an accurate overlay of the historic shoreline for waterfront planning; and*

*WHEREAS, a 2010 Brenman Award is presented posthumously to Ellen Pickering in recognition of her advocacy for preserving and enhancing the historic and natural character of Alexandria, including the City's historic architecture and waterfront, for a period spanning several decades, her institutional knowledge informing many town meetings, public hearings, and City Council actions, while positively guiding events and policies involving historical continuity, and being a true friend to archaeological causes.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby bestow the 2010 Ben Brenman awards to:*

**"JUDY MCCONVILLE, WESLEY PIPPENGER  
& ELLEN PICKERING"**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26th day of October 2010.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk