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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American civil rights movement has brought forth significant advancements in the areas of civil and human rights for all citizens, and especially for this nation's poor and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. rose to a universally recognized position of leadership in the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, much of the success of the movement can be directly attributed to the dedicated and inspired leadership provided by Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's death, at the hands of an assassin on April 4, 1968 was a tragic loss to the movement as well as the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council wishes to designate a period of time to commemorate the contributions of Dr. King in the fields of peace and human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, MAYOR of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 15, 2001, as

"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY"

in the City of Alexandria, and that the period of January 7-15 is set aside in memorial observance of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his numerous contributions to the American way of life.

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this commemoration of Dr. King's birthday shall serve as a reminder of an opportunity for recommitment by all persons to the goals sought by Dr. King in the fields of civil and human rights and peace.

AND BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that the Alexandria City Council expresses its appreciation to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Planning Committee for 28 years of service, and encourages the Committee to continue to organize annual observances to commemorate Dr. King's vast contributions to the American people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of January 2001.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk