

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, sexual violence against women has continued to be perpetrated at a national rate of one rape every six minutes; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Institute of Justice estimates that nearly 400,000 adult women and men are sexually assaulted each year in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, one in three girls and one in seven boys are sexually assaulted before the age of eighteen; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office on Women provided services to 588 adult and child victims of sexual assault during Fiscal Year 2000; and*

*WHEREAS, the impact of sexual assault is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, age, racial, and social barriers; and*

*WHEREAS, sexual violence against women results in emotional trauma, physical harm, or death to women; and*

*WHEREAS, the Office on Women is commemorating the victims of sexual violence through a City-wide public awareness campaign during April;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2001, as:*

**"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"**

*in the City of Alexandria, and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of sexual violence against women.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2001.*

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

**ATTEST:**

Beverly I. Jett, CMC                      City Clerk