

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the spirit of volunteerism has been a long-standing tradition in Alexandria and volunteers strengthen the Alexandria community through vital and indispensable service; and

WHEREAS, by putting the special needs and interests of others before their own, volunteers work to better the world and to improve the quality of life for those around them; and

WHEREAS, volunteers make special events like the Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer and Alexandria Earth Day possible. Volunteers are critical to programs that address diverse social issues and populations including: domestic violence, literacy, the elderly, disabled persons, children, homelessness, health and safety, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau has been connecting volunteers to the community for 21 years by assisting local residents, businesses and groups, in selecting rewarding volunteer positions, as well as through special programs for court-offenders, welfare recipients and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau will host a volunteer recruitment fair at Landmark Mall on April 21st to reach out to the community to make them aware of the many volunteer opportunities in Alexandria and to help area agencies in recruiting volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer contributions made by youth during the year, as individuals or through group service, will be celebrated during community service projects involving Alexandria youth during National Youth Service Day projects on April 21 and 28; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria community is fortunate to have conscientious, community-minded corporate neighbors who support the missions and programs of service organizations, many of whom will be taking part in the third annual Alexandria Business Philanthropy Summit on April 27, 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-28, 2001, as:

"ALEXANDRIA VOLUNTEER WEEK"

and in the spirit of giving back to our community, taking responsibility for helping those in need and working to improve the quality of life in Alexandria. We acknowledge and recognize the many individuals who gave countless hours of volunteer work in 2000 and thank them for their valuable contributions.

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

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk