

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the contributions of Virginia's citizens of Scottish descent to the history, culture, and property of the Commonwealth are both numerous and widespread; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1669, Scotsman John Alexander purchased the land of present-day Alexandria from an English ship captain, and the town, when established in 1749, was named in his honor; and*

*WHEREAS, Alexandria continues to celebrate its Scottish heritage with yearly events such as the Scottish Christmas Walk, sponsored by the Campagna Center, and the Scottish Games; and*

*WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that Virginia's Scottish-Americans, past and present, be recognized annually for the vital roles they play and have played throughout the history of the Commonwealth; and*

*WHEREAS, the month of September, during which the Scots under William Wallace asserted their independence by defeating the British at Stirling Bridge in 1297, is an especially appropriate time to celebrate Scottish-American Heritage;*

*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 month of September 2001, as:*

**"SCOTTISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"**

*in the City of Alexandria and urge the citizens of Alexandria to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Scottish-Americans to the strength and vitality of the City of Alexandria and to the Commonwealth.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2001.*

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk