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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 Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 15, 2003, as:

"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY"

in the City of Alexandria, and that the period of January 12-21 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 30 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 14th day of January 2003.

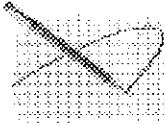
KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk

EXHIBIT NO. 2

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**PROGRAMS SCHEDULED TO HONOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

The public is invited to participate in programs in Alexandria to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. The 30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Program is scheduled for Jan. 15, 7:30 pm at the First Christian Church, 2723 King St. Dr. Johnnie Abram, pastor, Harvest Assembly Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. Music will be provided by Mosaic Harmony. The program is sponsored by the City of Alexandria in cooperation with local religious, civic and social organizations.

Other activities scheduled are:

Jan. 12, 7:30 pm: A Salute to the Life of Dr. King at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1401 Duke St. Guest speaker is Rev. Lee Earl. The event is sponsored by the Baptist Ministers' Conference.

Jan. 17, 7:30 pm: A Youth Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King at the Departmental Progressive Club, 411 Gibbon St. The event is sponsored by the Departmental Progressive Club.

Jan. 20, 1-3 pm: Martin Luther King Media Presentation and Exhibit at the Black History Resource Center, 638 N. Alfred St. Co-sponsors are the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage and the Alumni Association of Parker-Gray High School.

For more information, call Linda Owens or Rose Boyd in Citizens Assistance at 703.838.4800.

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