EXHIBIT NO. 1

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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 697 adult and child victims of sexual assault during Fiscal Year 2003; 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 2003, 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 25th day of March 2003.*

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC *City Clerk*