

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, where scholastic rowing got its start in Virginia, is proud of its 56-year-old rowing tradition and the fine men and women who have excelled in the sport; and*

*WHEREAS, the T.C. Williams High School Rowing Team is one of the outstanding public school rowing programs in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, Mike Penn, head men's crew coach at T.C. Williams, is retiring from coaching after a distinguished 28-year career; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Penn, an Alexandria native and 1970 graduate of George Washington High School, began coaching crew at Hammond High School in 1975; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Penn became head men's coach at T.C. Williams in 1988, and has coached the boy's senior eight to distinction in the Virginia and National Capital Area Championships, as well as the Stotesbury Cup Regatta and the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Nationals Regatta; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Penn coaches a fall crew sponsored by the Old Dominion Boat Club which draws participants from throughout the National Capital Area; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Penn is a teacher in the School to Work Transition Program at T.C. Williams High School; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Penn has been an inspiring leader to, and coach to, hundreds of young men and women in Alexandria and Northern Virginia, instilling in them the values of sportsmanship, academics, and excellence on and off the water;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby commend Mike Penn, for 28 years of leadership, dedication and service to scholastic rowing in the City of Alexandria.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC      City Clerk