

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, violence against women has continued to be perpetrated at a national rate of one domestic assault every 10 seconds; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office on Women provided services to more than 1,500 domestic violence victims and their children during Fiscal Year 2002; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, age, racial, and social barriers; and

WHEREAS, violence against women results in emotional trauma, physical harm or death to women; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Women is commemorating the victims of domestic violence through a City-wide purple ribbon campaign in October;

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 October 2002, as:

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of 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 24th day of September 2002.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk