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WHEREAS, *the City of Alexandria is committed to providing and supporting quality recreation programs and activities for youth; and*

WHEREAS, *the USA Tennis National Junior Tennis League (NJTL), founded by Arthur Ashe in 1969, is a network of local organizations dedicated to introducing as many youngsters as possible to the lifetime sport of tennis, especially those who might not ordinarily participate; and*

WHEREAS, *since 1978, the Alexandria, Virginia, NJTL Program and the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities have sponsored a summer recreational program teaching skill development and sportsmanship to children at court sites located at: John Adams Elementary School, Patrick Henry Elementary School, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, George Mason Elementary School, Mount Vernon Elementary School, and George Washington Middle School; and*

WHEREAS, *USA Tennis NJTL encourages the private sector, community leaders and business people, and the public sector to work together for the benefit of children in the community; and*

WHEREAS, *the Alexandria NJTL Boosters hold annual fundraising events to offset part of the program costs and are hereby donating $3,000 to the program; and*

WHEREAS, *in addition, this year the Boosters purchased tennis ball lobbing machines for the program;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, *Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate all of the participants of the Alexandria NJTL program and extend its appreciation to the Alexandria NJTL Boosters, and representatives from the private sector, for their partnership in supporting the opportunity for children to develop the skills for a lifetime enjoyment of the sport of tennis.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of October 2002.*

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC   City Clerk