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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the successful education of its children and youth; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria City Public Schools acknowledge the important roles of parents, grandparents, guardians, and others in the educational development of children, and recognize that the family is critical to student achievement; and*

WHEREAS, *families have a major influence on their children's educational development by expressing high expectations for performance, creating home environments conducive to learning, and supporting the work of teachers and principals in schools; and*

WHEREAS, *the Alexandria City Public School system places a dedicated emphasis on the importance of family involvement in education with a specific focus on families who have previously been underrepresented because of social, economic, racial or language barriers; and*

WHEREAS, *the Alexandria City Public School system is committed to increasing and sustaining family involvement in the education of children and youth; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Alexandria and Alexandria City Public Schools recognize that when families, schools and the community work together for student success .... great things happen; and*

WHEREAS, *all Alexandrians are invited to participate in the third annual Family Involvement Rally on Saturday, November 9, 2002, starting at 8:30 a.m., at George Washington Middle School;*

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 November 2002, as:*

"FAMILY INVOLVEMENT MONTH"

in the Alexandria City Public Schools, and encourage families, schools and the community to work together for student success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23rd day of October 2002.*

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

ATTEST:

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Beverly I. Jett, CMC   City Clerk