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12-10-02**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has been in the forefront in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights for all without distinction as to race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, ancestry, national origin, marital status, familial status, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and its citizens have consistently supported the human rights of all people and are committed to the furtherance of human rights on a local, national, and international level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes the efforts of human rights organizations to promote the fundamental freedoms of all people through the promotion of higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes this as the 54th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration announcing the first international Human Rights Month; and

WHEREAS, the month of December is Human Rights Month, and December 10 marks Human Rights Day which recognizes the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms of all people and is celebrated throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 10, as:

"HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"

and the month of December 2002, as:

"HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the elimination of discrimination and for the achievement of human rights for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of December 2002.

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk