

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sandra Whitmore, was the Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities for five and one half years with the City of Alexandria from 1998 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, during her years of service, she oversaw significant advancements for the Department and the City; and

WHEREAS, she directed the creation of a comprehensive Strategic Master Plan for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; and

WHEREAS, she helped to develop a comprehensive Open Space Plan for the City which received a national award; and

WHEREAS, she facilitated the renovation of Mount Vernon Recreation Center, the design and construction of the Rocky Versasce Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the renovation and expansion of the William Ramsay Recreation Center, which received the "Best New Facility Award" from the Virginia Recreation and Park Society; and

WHEREAS, under her guidance, major renovations are underway for the Dr. Oswald Durant Center and the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Department, she oversaw extensive improvements to the conditions of the City's parks and athletic fields as well as the opening of Ben Brenman and Armistead Boothe Parks, plans for new and expanded fields at Potomac Yard and Jones Point Park, and the opening of the City's first skatepark; and

WHEREAS, in her five and a half years as director, the department's sports programs, cultural and arts programs and special events were enhanced; and

WHEREAS, during her term of service she spearheaded the effort to obtain the Department's first ever Accreditation by the National Recreation and Parks Association, and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria now enjoys protected open space, parkland, trails and recreational facilities because of her substantial contributions and exceptional commitment to the quality of life in the City of Alexandria; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, and all of the citizens of Alexandria, do hereby express gratitude and appreciation to Sandra Whitmore for her outstanding contributions, invaluable performance, and commitment and dedication to the City of Alexandria, and congratulate her on her retirement.

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 March 2004.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk