

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alexandria is the Fun Side of the Potomac and attracts nearly two million visitors annually to enjoy its historic ambiance, attractions, cultural events, dining and shopping; and

WHEREAS, annual tourism spending in Alexandria amounts to a half billion dollars annually, and overnight visitors generate over \$11 million annually in direct taxes to the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's tourism industry employs nearly nine thousand people who work in Alexandria's hotels, restaurants, attractions, retail businesses and related services businesses, and who are important to the economic health of the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by Alexandria's tourism industry are also enjoyed by Alexandria's residents, their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria joins the rest of the nation in saluting America's traveling public and the employees of the nation's third largest retail sales industry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and proclaim May 8 - 16, 2004 as:

"NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK"

in the City of Alexandria and do urge all citizens to join in celebrating this important sector of our business community and the enrichment that travel and tourism bring to everyone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of May 2004.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk