

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941 the largest war of all time and the most defining event of the 20th Century began; and

WHEREAS, Americans, devoted to liberty and to this country courageously answered the nations's call to arms summarized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt by the words: "You bear with you the hope, the confidence, the gratitude and the prayers of your family, your fellow citizen and your President;" and

WHEREAS, we still believe today that the blessings of liberty require constant vigilance and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, every man, woman and child in this great nation owes a debt of gratitude to those who served their country so selflessly in an event that reshaped the world; and

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 Americans made the supreme sacrifice, laying down their lives so others could live free; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are asked to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of these men and women who placed their lives in harms way protecting American values and preserving democracy for the world; and

WHEREAS, the observances of World War II Veterans Recognition Day approximately commemorate the historical events and express gratitude to those who gave so much for their fellow citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2004 as:

"WORLD WAR II VETERAN'S RECOGNITION DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 29th day of May 2004.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk