

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria's Department of Human Services has maintained an important and viable partnership with the faith-based community to provide human, social and emergency services to our residents through five decades; and

WHEREAS, the faith-based community in Alexandria collectively provides thousands of dollars in critical financial assistance and durable goods to support needy families and individuals through the nearly 40 members of ALIVE!, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to supporting the collective efforts through ALIVE!, many congregations also provide financial assistance and services through their individual social needs committees and compassionate volunteers; and

WHEREAS, individual congregations and their volunteers provide financial assistance, operate food pantries, clothing closets, transitional housing, hypothermia shelters in winter, provide year round support to homeless shelters, support the transition of ex-prisoners to the community, and employment services for job seekers; and

WHEREAS, the faith-based community ardently supports the welfare of abused and neglected children through donations to The Fund for Alexandria's Child and the Holiday Sharing Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize our long and successful partnership with the faith-based community and thank them for the contributions to a better quality of life for our fellow citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of May 2004.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk