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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is a cultural and arts destination, visited by nearly two million visitors a year; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria is home to the Torpedo Factory Art Center, the Art League, the Alexandria Arts Forum, the Del Ray Artisans, the Schlesinger Center and the acclaimed Alexandria Symphony, more than 50 art and antique galleries and many performing arts organizations; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has been rated as one of America's Top 25 arts destinations by American Style magazine and named "Virginia's Art & Antique Miracle Mile" by Arts & Antiques magazine; and

WHEREAS, each fall Alexandria celebrates its cultural and artistic heritage with its Fall for the Arts season during the months of September and October; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Alexandria Arts Forum, the Art League, the Del Ray Artisans, and Alexandria's residential community, along with their sponsors Howard Alan Events, Ltd., the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and WBIG radio, and philanthropic partner Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia, have joined together to host the first-ever Alexandria Festival of the Arts on September 13 & 14 in Old Town Alexandria, inviting thousands of visitors from throughout the region and beyond to our City;

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 the opening of:

***Fall for the Arts Season
and the
Alexandria Festival of the Arts***

in the City of Alexandria and do urge all citizens to join in celebrating Alexandria's arts community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of September 2003.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk