EXHIBIT NO. 1

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *October 15, 2003 is the first National Latino AIDS Awareness Day; and*

WHEREAS, *HIV infection has been a life factor for Latinos living in the City of Alexandria ; and*

WHEREAS, *the Latino community is one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in the region making a critical contribution to life in our community by their dedication to family, diversity and cultural richness; and*

WHEREAS, *Latinos make up 14% of the population of the United States and territories but account for 20% of the living AIDS cases nationally. Latinos see HIV/AIDS as one of the most important health issues facing the State and Nation. Many Latinos have misconceptions about HIV transmission that must be addressed through targeted prevention efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *many Latinos lack health insurance and are not connected to traditional social service and health care networks. Further, Latinos require culturally and linguistically appropriate services that effectively communicate critical health information; and*

WHEREAS, *it is critical to raise awareness of the potential for HIV infection in the Latino public and to offer expanded culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV testing and prevention programs; and*

WHEREAS, *HIV prevention programs for Latinos must target those who are at high risk for infection but are HIV negative, as well as those men and women who are HIV positive. Further, pregnant Latinas need to be counseled and offered HIV testing; and*

WHEREAS, *AIDS has challenged the extended Latino family to find new reservoirs of compassion, and to confront difficult issues such as drug use and sexuality; and*

WHEREAS, *National Latino AIDS Awareness Day brings an opportunity to increase community awareness and dialogue, to commemorate those lost and bring leaders together to advocate for greater services and community involvement to fight this epidemic; and*

WHEREAS, *a purpose of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is to decrease stigma and discrimination regarding HIV/AIDS;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, *Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council do hereby proclaim October 15, 2003, as:*

"NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Alexandria and urge all citizens, community-based organizations, religious communities, civic groups, elected officials and government agencies to utilize this day to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS in the Latino community.

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 September 2003.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC *City Clerk*