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Proclamation

WHEREAS, Saturday, October 4, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., marks the eighth annual "Art on the Avenue" on Mount Vernon Avenue in Potomac West, a festival celebrating art, music and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, last year's "Art on the Avenue" attracted over 20,000 people to the Avenue; and

WHEREAS, nearly 200 artisans will display and sell their wares; and

WHEREAS, members of Del Ray Artisans and Alexandria Arts Forum will demonstrate techniques, media and expertise to interested participants, and

WHEREAS, a festival stage will feature all-day music programming, including Cajun, swing, bluegrass, Irish, Latin, R&B, country and klezmer; and

WHEREAS, delicious food for every palate and celebrating the cuisine of many cultures will be served, including: Indian, Caribbean, Mexican, BBQ and good old-fashioned hot dogs and cotton candy; and

WHEREAS, children can participate in a host of free crafts and activities, including scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, paper lotus lanterns, balloons and performances designed especially for them; and

WHEREAS, "Art Safari" is held on the same day and features art demonstrations, hands-on activities for children and adults, as well as architectural and archeological tours; and is sponsored and created by the Torpedo Factory Art Center; and

WHEREAS, these events comprise a unique family fun day which showcases Alexandria's diversity and thriving artistic community; and

WHEREAS, "Art on the Avenue: and "Art Safari" are brought to our community by our local art organizations working with the Potomac West Business Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 4 as:

"Art on the Avenue/Art Safari Day"

in the City of Alexandria and invite everyone to participate in one of Alexandria's signature events and to enjoy a day dedicated to art, music, community pride and unity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23th day of September 2003.

William D. Euille Mayor

On behalf of the City Council
Of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson City Clerk