PROCLAMATION

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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***WHEREAS**, Barbara A. Gilley, who lived from October 31, 1949 to December 1, 2004, despite being severely disabled by polio, was a beloved mother of four children, obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Counseling from George Mason University, and a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from James Madison University, was employed with increasing responsibilities in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, the Endependence Center of Northern Virginia, and the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center's Center for the Independent Living, and served as a member of the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities from December 1998 to the time of her death, providing leadership as Vice-Chair and Chair for three years, and served on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Disability Rights Commission and the Olmstead Advisory Oversight Task Force, among other State bodies; and*

***WHEREAS**, Barbara A. Gilley was a disability expert whose advice was appreciated and used by countless individuals with disabilities, their advocates, the Alexandria Mayor and City Council and the Governor of Virginia; and*

***WHEREAS**, Barbara A. Gilley worked tirelessly for people with disabilities in the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia, focusing her wisdom, intelligence, and excellent cross disability knowledge of the needs of disabled individuals, as well as the whole range of Federal, State and local civil rights and program laws and regulations, and used her tireless energy and commitment to influence public policy in the areas of housing, transportation, employment, and facility access; and*

***WHEREAS**, Barbara A. Gilley had a personal and public goal to develop the empowerment, independence and integration of individuals with disabilities into the life of the community by fostering policies to implement the goals of the American Disabilities Act and Olmstead Supreme Court Decision; and*

***WHEREAS**, Barbara Gilley was committed to the support of accessible and affordable housing for people with disabilities, no matter their financial situation, was Vice President of the Coalition for Housing Opportunities in the Community for Everyone Inc., played a leadership role in the establishment of Alexandria's RAMP Program to make housing units accessible, and by advising Governor Warner on ways to influence the Secretary of HUD on housing policies and programs for persons with disabilities; and*

***WHEREAS**, Barbara Gilley advocated for improved street access, disability parking policies, user-friendly enhancements in the DOT Paratransit Program, and affordable fares and accessible facility improvements in WMATA's fixed bus, rail and MetroAccess programs to improve the mobility of individuals with disabilities; and*

***WHEREAS**, Barbara A. Gilley regularly met with the Mayor, members of Council, City Manager and City Department heads, as well as the Governor of Virginia, and regularly made presentations before City Council, the Virginia Legislature, assorted bodies in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as the Governor of Virginia, focusing on issues of critical importance to persons with disabilities; and*

***WHEREAS**, Barbara A. Gilley's spirited, principled advocacy provided a strong and knowledgeable voice for people with disabilities in Alexandria and Richmond, which resulted in policy changes and program improvements; and*

***WHEREAS**, Barbara A. Gilley was an admired and beloved mother, friend, and colleague who touched countless lives throughout her years of public service in Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, and Virginia Governor Mark A. Warner, declare December 5, 2004 as:*

" BARBARA A. GILLEY DAY"

and do hereby proclaim and recognize the enormous contributions of Barbara A. Gilley to the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and call upon all residents of Alexandria to celebrate the life, contributions and achievements of this outstanding human being and advocate for persons with disabilities.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of January 2005.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC *City Clerk*