

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, founded by Clara Barton, has served the residents of Alexandria for more than 89 years and was the first chapter in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Red Cross works consistently to enable people to care for each other through generous action and compassionate service; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Red Cross has in the past year responded to 14 local disasters, provided disaster education to more than 16,000 Alexandrians, and with chapters across the country responded to the needs of more than 420,000 hurricane victims, providing shelter, counseling and support as well as 16 million meals; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Red Cross continues to provide critical blood collection services, as well as teach local residents lifesaving skills such as first aid and CPR; and*

*WHEREAS, Alexandria Red Cross provides ongoing support and comfort to military families separated from their loved ones by war and conflict; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Red Cross, recognizing that suffering knows no borders, has provided assistance during International emergencies such as the devastating Tsunami, and assisted Alexandrians such as the local school children who raised \$785 for measles immunizations of African children; and*

*WHEREAS, for the past 4 years, over 600 isolated Alexandria senior citizens, many of whom are low income, receive weekly visits from a Red Cross volunteer, needed household goods, therapeutic art classes, exercise classes and group social events such as bingo and movie nights; and*

*WHEREAS, like a mirror on Alexandria, the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross strives to show us the best possible reflection of ourselves by working to alleviate pain and suffering, addressing the human service needs of our community and celebrating the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of Alexandrians;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2005, as:*

**“AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH”**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2005.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk