

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, "Constitution Week" is traditionally observed in the United States from September 17 through September 23 to commemorate the significance of the United States Constitution in preserving the individual freedoms, liberties, and common welfare of the people who live in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to commemorating the signing of the Constitution, the Congress, designated September 17 as "Citizenship Day"; and

**WHEREAS**, for Citizenship Day, various civic and government groups across the country honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of US citizenship and honor naturalized citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day the City of Alexandria in conjunction with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services proudly sponsored a naturalization ceremony in recognition of Citizenship Day; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty Alexandria residents have met all the requirements for naturalization, which include the ability to read, write and speak English; knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government; good moral character; and adherence to the principles of the U.S. Constitution and on this day took the oath of citizenship and were sworn in as citizens of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, we welcome our residents to their new citizenship in the United States and congratulate them on the personal achievement that becoming a citizen represents; and

**WHEREAS**, as United States Citizens, we are asked to participate in the political process by registering to vote in elections, serve on a jury when called and participate in the activities of local government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2004 as:

**"ALEXANDRIA'S CITIZENSHIP DAY"**

and urge all naturalized citizens to reflect on the many benefits of our Federal Constitution and on the rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship. I further commend each new citizen here tonight for your courage and commitment to the ideals that make this a great nation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2004.

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

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC      City Clerk