

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, violence against women has continued to be perpetrated at a national rate of one domestic assault every 10 seconds; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office on Women provided services to nearly 2,000 domestic violence victims and their children during Fiscal Year 2003; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, age, racial, and social barriers; and

WHEREAS, violence against women results in emotional trauma, physical harm, or death to women as well as results in emotional trauma and physical harm to children and perpetuates the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Women is commemorating the victims of domestic violence through a City-wide Awareness Month campaign in October; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2004, as:

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of violence against women.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28th day of September 2004.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk