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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November 2004 marks the 20th anniversary of the operation of the Alexandria DOT's paratransit service to complement the City's dash bus system for people with disabilities who cannot use fixed route transit; and

WHEREAS, DOT has become a vital part of Alexandria's transit network providing high quality service every day to many citizens with disabilities in Alexandria and northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, DOT provides life enhancing access to all destinations but especially to medical, employment, shopping, recreation, cultural, and to other destinations vital to the livelihood of these individuals; and

WHEREAS, the DOT program has been identified as a model paratransit program in the Washington Metropolitan Area and has received an award from the National Organization on Disability for being one of the finest paratransit programs in the nation and has received an award from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce for its drivers providing outstanding services to individuals with disabilities in the City; and

WHEREAS, ridership since the service began has benefited thousands of individuals with transportation disabilities and increased to almost 1,100 customers who are taking over 54,000 trips per year; and

WHEREAS, by using the DOT to provide some of the services for people with disabilities in the City, the City is able to provide more service at lower cost to people with disabilities than by using the regional paratransit provider;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and commend:

"THE ALEXANDRIA DOT PARATRANSIT SERVICE"

for their achievements in providing high quality paratransit services to citizens with disabilities for 20 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23rd day of November 2004.

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

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC   City Clerk