

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the arts affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, employment, education, creativity, and community livability; and

WHEREAS, public investment of the arts stimulates economic growth, attracts business and corporate investment to communities, spurs tourism, and enhances the image of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria values the arts and takes pride in the art programs in the City, and wishes to offer more opportunities to showcase the arts in the City; and

WHEREAS, a committee, comprised of representatives from The Art League, The Del Ray Artisans, and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, was created through Mayor William D. Euille to explore ways to promote the talent of local artists, while also enhancing the environment of Alexandria's City Hall; and

WHEREAS, a juried exhibition program, "Art in City Hall" located on the second floor of City Hall was created to provide artists with an opportunity to compete and showcase their work; and

WHEREAS, the premiere exhibition of the "Art in City Hall" was juried by M.V. Clark, founder and co-director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Washington D.C., who viewed 265 pieces from local artists in a variety of media, selected 135 to exhibit and awarded three top honors and 12 honorable mentions; and

WHEREAS, citizens and visitors to Alexandria's City Hall are now able to partake of a high quality visual arts experience while doing business with the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby welcome all citizens and visitors to enjoy the "Art in City Hall" from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, except holidays, through July 21, 2006. We hereby acknowledge the contributions of the artists who participated in the "Art in City Hall" and express our sincere appreciation to The Art League, The Del Ray Artisans and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts for the creation of the "Art in City Hall."

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 February 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk