

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is committed to ensuring that our community is accessible to all persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities was established October 8, 1974, to assist the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager with responding to the needs of persons with disabilities in order to remove physical and attitudinal barriers; to foster awareness; to provide a forum for persons with disabilities; and to review and recommend programs, policies and services that might remove barriers faced by persons with disabilities in all aspects of life in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City and all of its citizens have benefitted from the tireless efforts and leadership of the citizen volunteers on the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will commemorate Jeffrey M. McAllister, who was a pioneer among those who have Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and during his short tenure on the Commission was elected to be the Chairperson of the Commission in June 2005; served as the Chairperson of the website committee; was a member of the accessibility enhancement committee addressing critical issues including access at the voting polls; and was a key member on the inaugural commemoration committee helping to formulate the process of honoring the memory of all ACPD members who died while serving as a commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will celebrate his life and contributions by dedicating two memorial trees on May 20, 2006, at Waterfront Park in grateful appreciation and fond memory of Jeffrey M. McAllister who died while serving the City of Alexandria as the Chairperson of the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2006, as:

“COMMEMORATION DAY”

in the City of Alexandria and do hereby call upon our citizens to commemorate on this day of remembrance the contributions of Jeffrey M. McAllister who served with distinction until his death on the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities and volunteered his leadership, expertise, and dedication towards the goal of improving the lives of persons with disabilities in the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of May 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk