

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the positive development of its children and youth; and

WHEREAS, adolescent pregnancy continues to be a serious and complex national and local issue that impacts the social, economic, health and developmental outcomes of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has one of the highest teenage pregnancy rates in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Alexandria established the Interagency Consortium on Adolescent Pregnancy (ICAP), a consortium of public and private youth-serving agencies, committed to reducing adolescent pregnancy and promoting services to adolescent parents; and

WHEREAS, in January 1999, Mayor Kerry J. Donley formed the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Reducing Teen Pregnancy to work in conjunction with ICAP to address this critical issue and to focus specifically on developing a public awareness campaign aimed at reducing adolescent pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, in November 2000, the Task Force and ICAP merged and established the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) to focus on community-wide efforts; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2005, ACAP identified a goal of reducing Alexandria's teen pregnancy rate by 15 percent by 2010 through culturally and age appropriate education, advocacy, technical assistance, direct service prevention programs and public awareness;

WHEREAS, May is the National Month to Prevent Teen Pregnancy;

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

"TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH"

in Alexandria, and I call upon our citizens to observe this month by supporting activities that focus on enhancing our efforts to reduce adolescent pregnancy.

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 May 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk