

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chief Charles E. Samarra was selected as the City's police chief sixteen years ago in 1990; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chief he has been a committed and outstanding leader who has excelled in hiring, promoting, developing and training a competent and diverse workforce of sworn and civilian employees and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Police Department has become a national model for the use of technology in many aspects of police work, and one example of this is the department's use of laptop computers by the Department's patrol officers, which has led to increased productivity for officers on the street; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Police Department's work with the community and its focus on crime reduction and improving the quality of life in City neighborhoods, the City has seen a significant and sustained decrease in serious crime, Part I crime and nuisance crimes over the last 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Samarra's strong commitment to community involvement is demonstrated by the creation of a Police Citizens Academy, a Youth Citizens Academy and most recently a Senior Citizens Academy, all of which present opportunities for Alexandrians to learn more about the Police Department and to participate with the Department in its anti-crime efforts; and

WHEREAS, Chief Samarra created one of the first residential police officer programs in the country enabling several Alexandria Police officers to live in the communities where they were assigned; and

WHEREAS, Chief Samarra was a leader in the City employee Leadership Institute of the City of Alexandria program which involves City department heads in mentoring upcoming City employees; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize Chief Charles E. Samarra for his outstanding service to the City of Alexandria and its Police Department and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of June, 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk