EXHIBIT NO. 1

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PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria government is committed to its values of respect, responsibility, teamwork, communication, diversity and leadership and has instituted an employee of the month award to honor individual employees or groups of employees who exemplify the City's values; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City wishes to recognize Mrs. Lucy Willis, a 22-year employee of the City of Alexandria, as one of the most dependable and outstanding employees in the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) in her position as the Coordinator Public Works Service, T&ES Operations; and*

***WHEREAS**, upon being informed that during a recent winter season there were a significant number of snow plow accidents causing tens of thousands of dollars of damage to city property, Mrs. Willis seized the initiative to improve the City's snow removal operations by training drivers, both experienced and new, in safe driving practices, including how to back up trucks carefully. Over the course of a year, in her role as the "Snow Commander" she established an obstacle course that T&ES, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, the Department of General Services, the School Board and outside contractor drivers had to navigate before they were allowed to operate snow removal equipment last winter. As a result of her efforts nearly sixty drivers were trained and the accidents dropped from ten to zero, vehicle damage was reduced from nearly $6,000 to zero, and other property damage from $10,000 to zero; and*

***WHEREAS**, in addition to her position with T&ES, she also works part-time as an assistant voter registrar for the City during every election season, and uses her time and talents during her off-duty hours to provide information to citizens in the community on all voting and election matters; and*

***WHEREAS**, upon hearing of the devastation inflicted on Louisiana and Mississippi by Hurricane Katrina, she told her supervisor "I've got to do something," and the next day she signed up as a Red Cross volunteer and went through the disaster relief training in the evenings and on weekends. On September 15, 2005, she was sent to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and then assigned to the City of Alexandria in the center of Louisiana to assist displaced citizens in that town. She was in Alexandria, Louisiana when Hurricane Rita's heavy rains overwhelmed that community. She did all of this on her own time and by using her own annual leave; and*

***WHEREAS**, this diligent, caring and tireless worker fully demonstrates the City's values and abundantly merits the selection as the City of Alexandria's Employee of the Month for September 2005;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim that a CityStars! Employee of the Month Award for September be bestowed on:*

"LUCY WILLIS"

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of October 2005.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk