

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year since 1965 the President of the United States has declared May as "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" to honor our older citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are over 15,000 Alexandrians age 60 and over, representing a 15% increase in this age group since the 2000 census; and

WHEREAS, this year's Older Americans Month theme is, "Making Choices for a Healthier Future" was selected to celebrate and recognize older Americans who are living longer, healthier, and more productive lives; and

WHEREAS, older Alexandrians help others to understand the past and they teach timeless lessons of courage, endurance, and love. Through their legacy of patriotism, service, and responsibility, America's seniors also unite families and communities and serve as role models for younger generations; and

WHEREAS, the City also acknowledges the advocacy efforts of the Alexandria Commission on Aging, which have resulted in stronger proactive legislation being passed at the State level and new programs being initiated to fill gaps in services; and

WHEREAS, May is also National Elder Abuse Prevention Month to help to educate citizens of all ages about the problems of elder abuse and neglect;

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 as:

**"OLDER ALEXANDRIANS MONTH AND
ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

and do hereby call on all Alexandrians to join in celebrating the contributions of the many older persons in our lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22nd day of May 2007.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk