EXHIBIT NO. 1

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PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria is committed to the preservation of the health and well-being of every child; and*

***WHEREAS**, all children deserve a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow up; and*

***WHEREAS**, over 200 children are in foster care in the City of Alexandria and the month of May is designated as Foster Care Awareness Month; and*

***WHEREAS**, community members can help nurture and protect children in foster care by learning about the issues that bring children in foster care such as abuse and neglect; and*

***WHEREAS**, members of the community who are in a position to provide a loving, nurturing and safe environment for a child are encouraged to seek out information on becoming a foster parent; and*

***WHEREAS**, residents of the City of Alexandria are in the best position to provide homes for children in foster care because they reside in the child's place of residence allowing the child to remain in his or her own community; and*

***WHEREAS**, those residents who are eager to become a foster parent or who would like more information on becoming a foster parent should recognize the month of May as the perfect opportunity to contact the Foster Home Recruiter at (703) 519-3318, ext. 211;*

***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 2007 as:*

"FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and do hereby call upon our citizens to observe the month by reaching out to parents who may need support or assistance, continuing efforts to strengthen one's own parenting skills and raising awareness by wearing a blue ribbon to show your care and support for children.

***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