

**PROCLAMATION**

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

*WHEREAS, the City wishes to recognize Vicente Espinoza and Tom David, Housing Program Coordinators in the Department of Housing, for their exemplary work and high level of professionalism while helping make dreams come true for City residents and workers; and*

*WHEREAS, through their work with low and moderate income first-time homebuyers who often believe homeownership in the City is an impossible goal, Vicente Espinoza and Tom David coordinate home purchase assistance provided through the City's Homeownership Assistance Program and Moderate Income Homeownership Program; and*

*WHEREAS, during the past few years, the dream of homeownership has been a first-time homebuyer's nightmare as buyers are overwhelmed with competing contracts, escalation clauses, and seemingly unending increases in sales prices. But through their teamwork, patience, and determination, Tom and Vicente have assisted many lower wage workers such as food service workers and child care providers, as well as the City's own workforce including police officers, teachers, and fire fighters to purchase homes. The diversity of the City is reflected in Tom and Vicente's work, as a majority of program participants are language and/or ethnic minorities; and*

*WHEREAS, the City's Employee Homeownership Incentive Program and initiatives sponsored by the Virginia Housing Development Authority, such as the Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities and HomeStride Programs, are examples of the creativity and flexibility Tom and Vicente have incorporated into their daily work in making homeownership affordable; and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to their work with homebuyers, Vicente and Tom have formed critical partnerships with lenders and real estate professionals who have contributed their time to make the City's programs work so well. According to one local realtor, "As a realtor who has worked with people participating in the City's Homeownership Assistance Program over the last 4 years, my success in helping people become homeowners would not have happened without Vicente's and Tom's diligence and determination;"*

*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 be bestowed on:*

**"VICENTE ESPINOZA AND TOM DAVID"**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006.*

**WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR**

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

**ATTEST:**

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk