

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium was established in 1997, in support of the Alexandria City Public Schools' Primary Initiative, to help ensure that all first and second graders in the Alexandria City Public Schools can read at or above grade level by the end of second grade; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium has consisted of over twenty faith communities, each of which is encouraged to provide volunteer tutors in support of children needing assistance in developing reading skills; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer tutors from the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium have served over 800 students over the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, on average the number of tutored students reading on grade level has increased from under twenty percent at the onset of the program year to over eighty percent by the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, the tutored students' gains in reading skills are enhanced by increased self-esteem and by the benefits of relating to an additional caring adult; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium has served as an effective community partner to the Alexandria City Public Schools and has contributed to the network of support that characterizes community service in Alexandria;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim and honor the tenth anniversary year of the:

"ALEXANDRIA TUTORING CONSORTIUM"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28th day of November 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk