

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, December 1, 2006 is National World AIDS Day; and*

*WHEREAS, an estimated 1,030,000 to 1,185,000 persons in the United States were living with HIV/AIDS, with 24 to 27 percent undiagnosed and unaware of their HIV infection at the end of 2003; and*

*WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS impact the globe with an estimated 40 million people living with AIDS or HIV infection worldwide; and*

*WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS continue to be a health concern in Northern Virginia with 7,550 cases of HIV infection, since 1982; and*

*WHEREAS, this World AIDS Day Interfaith Service is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Consortium and held in the City of Alexandria at the Oakland Baptist Church and people of faith have come together to honor those who have died from AIDS and recognize that HIV continues to impact men, women and children throughout the community, the nation and the world; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Health Department, Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS, Whitman Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia, Virginia Organizations Responding to AIDS (VORA), and Northern Virginia AIDS Ministries (NOV AM) have joined together in an effort to prevent the spread of HIV and to provide care and services for persons already living with HIV and AIDS; and*

*WHEREAS, the theme for this World AIDS Day is "Stop AIDS: Keep the Promise;" and*

*WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about increasing awareness and promoting accountability of individuals and our communities to make a promise to challenge the HIV/AIDS epidemic;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2006 as:*

**"WORLD AIDS DAY"**

*and I urge all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join the local and global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.*

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

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

**ATTEST:**

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk