

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 value; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City wishes to recognize Laura Pettus, Grant Coordinator in the City Manager's Office, who began working for the City of Alexandria on January 31, 2004, for providing leadership and assistance to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse with two grant proposals for four intensive weeks last spring; and*

***WHEREAS**, Laura Pettus collaborated with MHMRSA staff in writing a successful grant application to the State of Virginia that resulted in \$110,000 annually with no City matching funds to provide behavioral health services for youth in the Northern Virginia Detention Center. Grant-funded mental health therapists will screen, fully assess and connect 150 youth a year and provide them with life skills training; and*

***WHEREAS**, another successful grant application to the State resulted in \$475,000 annually with no City matching funds to strengthen the system of care for the highest risk children serving 75 youth and their families annually; and*

***WHEREAS**, the project will serve: children with serious emotional disorders who are coming out of residential care or at risk of going into residential care, children with both substance abuse and mental health problems, and children with serious emotional disorders who are involved in the juvenile system;*

***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 City Stars! Employee of the Month Award be bestowed on:*

"LAURA PETTUS"

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of December 2006.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk