

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc., founded in 1997, is a nonprofit organization that manages the Arlandria Health Center, and its mission is to provide accessible, coordinated, community-based primary health care and human services to people in Alexandria and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Arlandria Health Center is a fully accessible program without eligibility restrictions, providing a medical home for low-income, uninsured individuals in Alexandria and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Arlandria Health Center serves as an entry point into a system of care that provides comprehensive, community-based quality health care to those who have been denied access because they lack health insurance, have few financial resources and are unable to navigate the health care system; and

WHEREAS, the Arlandria Health Center offers a wide range of services, including pediatric wellness and illness care, women's health, adult medicine, mental health counseling, dental care, health and nutrition education, access to free and discounted medications, outreach services, and assistance with enrollment of children in child health insurance; and

WHEREAS, 93% of the Health Center's adult patients and 43% of children are uninsured; 93% of the patients fall below 200% of the federal poverty level, and everyone is welcome, regardless of ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, a total of 20,673 health care visits were held in FY07, a 28% increase from FY06; 6,621 men, women and children received care, a 21% increase from the previous year, and it has been responsible for more than 135,500 health care visits in the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, the combined efforts of ANHSI's Quality Assurance and Risk Management policies and practices, along with experienced and trained health care providers, ensure the delivery of quality, safe and evidence-based health care; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc., partners with many agencies in the City of Alexandria and in other communities in Northern Virginia to leverage resources and enhance the Health Center's capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia reports that while the proportion of emergency department patients who are uninsured has increased at other Northern Virginia hospitals, it has decreased significantly at INOVA Alexandria Hospital, and the decrease has been most dramatic in zip code 22305, the location of the Arlandria Health Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate:

"ALEXANDRIA NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH SERVICES, INC."

on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary and for its exceptional role in improving the health status of the residents of the Alexandria community, resulting in a better quality of life and improved productivity for many of our residents.

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 February 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC *City Clerk*