

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1915 Dr. Carter G. Woodson of Virginia founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH), and this organization originated the annual observance of Negro History Week. This observance has continued and is now celebrated throughout the month of February as National Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the ASALH's theme for Black History Month 2008 is "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism;" and

WHEREAS, an exhibit honoring African American Virginians called, African American Trailblazers: Commemorating Four Centuries of the African American Experience in Virginia; a traveling exhibition from the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, is on view during February in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall; and

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Museum opens a new exhibition in February called, **Imaging Blackness: Film Posters from the Indiana University Black Film Center/Archives**, a traveling exhibition from Mid-America Arts Alliance and Exhibits USA; and*

WHEREAS, the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. poster exhibition sponsored by the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Inc. and the Alexandria Black History Museum, featuring posters by Alexandria Public School students is on view in the Dr. Oswald Durant Center; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Museum continues to document, preserve and disseminate African American history through programs in the Museum and Watson Reading Room. These programs include: free tutoring, lectures, performances and literary events; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Museum has planned a series of special events that highlight and celebrate all aspects of African American history and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council and the citizens of Alexandria do hereby proclaim the month of February 2008 as:

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26th day of February 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk