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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the local, national and international contributions of women in history deserve recognition and celebration; and

WHEREAS, all people benefit from the profound and undeniable impact of the Women's Rights Movement, and women continue to make contributions to the growth and strength of our City; and

WHEREAS, the Commission for Women will honor women for their contributions to the quality of life in Alexandria at its annual Salute to Women Awards Banquet on March 31^{st} ; and

WHEREAS, the Women's History Project developed for the City's 250th Anniversary has served as a catalyst for the ongoing research and recognition of the many women of Alexandria's past and present who have made enduring contributions to our City, including development of a series of Alexandria Women's History Walks;

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

"WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria and reaffirm the commitment of the City to expand the leadership and involvement of women in the economic, social, and political spheres of our community and country, and do commend all citizens to commemorate this month in gratitude for those women who have contributed to the life of the City and the nation where all have, by right, a position of equality, fairness, justice and freedom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11^{th} day of March 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk