

PROCLAMATION7.1
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WHEREAS, Alexandria Innovation in Technology Week, April 7 - 11, is a showcase for innovation, creativity and ingenuity in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has joined with the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc., to sponsor the 12th Annual Alexandria Innovation in Technology Award; and

WHEREAS, the four companies that best represent innovation in Alexandria for 2008 are:

AGURU IMAGES, offers the first and only complete solution to accurately capture and process all possible lighting conditions of real world textured surfaces for use in 3D Computer Generated Imagery. Their advanced capture technologies use a combination of mirrors, lights and cameras to take many images very quickly that then plug into any industry standard renderer to create the final image for simulations and interactive computer graphics;

THE ASHLAWN GROUP, LLC, the only woman-owned munitions design firm in the United States, provides hydrogen fuel cell power solutions and vanadium redox fuel cell energy storage and power leveling solutions for alternative energy projects. The Ashlawn Group's technology stores excess electricity generated by wind turbines or solar panels and reintroduces it when electricity generation is not possible. Ashlawn's offering makes alternative energy systems more economically viable;

DEMOCRACY DATA & COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, the leading provider of on-demand public affairs services and solutions, offers a comprehensive approach to public affairs through Democracy Direct, a modular, on-demand web application for the government affairs marketplace, offering grassroots and Political Action Committee data, management, PAC compliance, online advocacy and fundraising;

MICHAEL BAKER, JR., INC., specifically the Alexandria-based Mapping on Demand Team, created Flood Map Modernization (Map Mod) to provide communities across the nation with updated flood hazard maps and data, enhancing local decision-making, ranging from insurance to construction to disaster planning exercises. The MOD team is helping FEMA to accomplish its goal of updating the nation's flood hazard map inventory and develop digital flood maps for 65 percent of the land area of the continental U.S., serving 92 percent of the U.S. population.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to recognize the importance of innovation in our technology sector to the City, its economic health, and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim this week, April 7 - 11, to be:

"ALEXANDRIA INNOVATION IN TECHNOLOGY WEEK"

and congratulate Aguru Images, The Ashlawn Group, LLC, Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. and Democracy Data & Communications, LLC for their innovative achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of April 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk