EXHIBIT NO. 1

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the month of April 2008 marks the fortieth anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Law, which, as amended, provides for equal opportunity for all persons in the sale, rental, and financing of housing and prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and*

WHEREAS, *the Alexandria Human Rights Ordinance is one of the strongest fair housing laws in Virginia, prohibiting discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, age, sexual orientation, or disability; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Alexandria has consistently opposed all forms of housing discrimination and continues to provide strong leadership in furthering fair housing goals; and*

WHEREAS, *despite all of the progress that communities and professionals have made, fair housing violations still exist in 2008; and*

WHEREAS, *the City, in 1987, established a Fair Housing Testing Program which monitors rental, sales and lending practices to ensure equal housing opportunity for all; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Alexandria and its elected leaders urge all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, to support the policies and principles of the Fair Housing Act and the City of Alexandria Human Rights Code;*

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 April 2008 as:*

"FAIR HOUSING MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2008.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC *City Clerk*