## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria government respects and encourages community involvement and public service, and the City wishes to recognize individuals who have a record of extraordinary public service; and

WHEREAS, retiring Electoral Board Secretary Mary T. LaMois exemplifies such a service; and

WHEREAS, Mary T. LaMois has served this community since 1971 as a school teacher, a civil rights activist, as a Congressional Aide, a State Legislative Aide to Delegate Marion Van Landingham, and as Director of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mary T. LaMois, as a member of the Alexandria Electoral Board beginning in 1988, promoted what an Assistant U.S. Justice Voting Rights Attorney recognized as an "unparalleled voter registration outreach program;" and

WHEREAS, Mary T. LaMois oversaw the local implementation of landmark legislation such as the National Voter Registration Act of 1994 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and helped devise education outreach programs associated with those Acts; and

WHEREAS, Mary T. LaMois was recognized by her peers in 2001 by being elected President of the Virginia Electoral Board Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize Mary T. LaMois for the exceptional 37 years of service educating and advocating for Alexandria's children, mobilizing community volunteers, serving our citizen legislators, and ensuring the vitality of our democracy by administering free and fair elections.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST: