

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, governed by a 38 member Board of Trustees, was founded in 1943, became incorporated in 1954 and became a wholly professional orchestra in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Kim Allen Kluge, music director of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, distinguished by his powerful conducting style and its dramatic impact, has been likened to the great poetic conductors of our time; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Kluge's accomplishments include appearance with the Sinfonietta de Paris, Les Solistes Parisiens, the Mannheim Chamber Orchestra, the Boston Pops Orchestra and the Baltimore Lyric Opera; and

WHEREAS, throughout Maestro Kluge's versatile career, he has worked as a concertmaster, orchestral keyboardist, wind player, organist, singer, chamber musician, recitalist, concerto soloist, chorus director, vocal coach, composer and arranger. He is Valedictorian of Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he served as concertmaster of the Oberlin Chamber Orchestra and received the coveted Arthur Dann Award for Outstanding Pianist and the Pi Kappa Lambda Scholarship for Musical Excellence. He pursued doctorates in Piano and Conducting from the University of Maryland and received a Conducting diploma from the Academia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, he participated in the prestigious Tanglewood Conducting Program, and most recently he garnered the 2006 Wammie Award for Best Conductor given by the Washington Area Music Awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kluge's commitment to reaching across broad audiences is reflected in all his projects, and under his vision and leadership, the ASO has distinguished itself through dynamic multi-arts thematic programming that has dramatically expanded the symphony's appeal;

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

"KIM ALLEN KLUGE"

On the occasion of his 20th year of conducting the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and recognize the huge impact he has had on the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of May 2008.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk