

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, a group of Alexandria citizens concerned about abused and neglected children in Northern Virginia came together in Alexandria under the leadership of David Cleary who founded Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia, a nonprofit organization, in his basement in Old Town; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAN is dedicated to the well-being of children, the improvement of parent-child relations and the prevention of child abuse and neglect through education, public awareness and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the first program offered at SCAN was the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program that served Alexandria and Fairfax County with the Fairfax CASA Program soon thereafter becoming its own nonprofit entity and SCAN's CASA Program now serving both the City of Alexandria and the County of Arlington; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAN's Parent Education Program has a continuum of services in English and Spanish to support and educate parents that range from intensive parenting classes in the City of Alexandria, to educational parent support groups in Alexandria and Fairfax County, and developmentally appropriate playgroups in Alexandria offered in partnership with other family-serving nonprofits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Allies in Prevention Coalition, comprised of child welfare professionals from the five major Northern Virginia jurisdictions, is now a central part of SCAN's Public Education Program. SCAN's Allies in Prevention Coalition engages child and family advocates in communicating regional messages to prevent child abuse and promote children's well-being in Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of its mission to connect information and resources to families, SCAN is an active member in numerous Alexandria child and family serving committees and collaborations including: the Alexandria Domestic Violence Intervention Project; the Alexandria Model Court Project of the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; the Alexandria Department of Human Services Family Group Conferencing Advisory Committee; the Alexandria Family Drug Treatment Court; the Alexandria Adoption Panel Committee; the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy; the Alexandria Youth Services Coordinating Council; the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria – Mental Health and Substance Abuse subcommittees; the Alexandria Head Start Policy Committee; the Coalition for Alexandria's Youngest Children; and the Alexandria Council for Human Service Organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, as SCAN celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year of serving children and families in Northern Virginia through programs and services that keep children safe, strengthen parenting skills and provide advocacy in the courts, legislature and the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby commend SCAN of Northern Virginia on the celebration of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and strongly encourage the continuation of its valuable services to families throughout Northern Virginia.

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

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC      City Clerk