

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) has organized the 14th annual National HIV Testing Day in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other national and local entities across the country, including the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Alexandria Health Department, in collaboration with the Northern Virginia HIV Prevention Committee, a group of public and nonprofit organizations, has provided multiple HIV testing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health estimates that in 2006, there were 5,307 persons living with HIV/AIDS in Northern Virginia, and 81 people who were newly diagnosed with HIV in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, education and prevention continue to remain the only effective methods of limiting the spread of HIV; and

WHEREAS, knowing one's HIV status is an essential step in taking control of one's life and health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize June 27, 2008, as:

"NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY"

a day on which the City of Alexandria joins the NAPWA Mayors' Campaign Against HIV and all Americans and those within its borders to seek out voluntary HIV testing and counseling to learn about their HIV status and to take control of their lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proclamation and copies hereof are presented to the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) in appreciation of their concern for and dedication to people living with HIV/AIDS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of June 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk