

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association celebrates the month of July as Recreation and Parks Month and public parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for millions of residents in communities around the world through recreation programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, public parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; creates lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of the community; generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community; and pay dividends to communities by attracting business and jobs and increasing housing values; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital contributions that employees and volunteers in the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities make in keeping our parks clean and safe for residents and visitors, organizing youth activities, providing educational programming in a variety of areas such as health and fitness, arts and cultural activities, nutrition, and other recreational activities; and advocating for more open space and better trails; and

WHEREAS, we formally invite and call upon Alexandria citizens to celebrate National Recreation and Parks Month by participating in the many activities that the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities are planning during the month of July to promote the benefits of participation in the many recreation programs and opportunities that are available to Alexandria residents;

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 July as:

"NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria and formally invite and call upon Alexandria citizens to join in recognizing the importance of our City's parks and recreation facilities and the role they play in bringing to our community a higher quality of life, safer places to play and healthy alternatives through recreation programming for everyone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24th day of June 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk