

WHEREAS, in the United States, the lifetime risk of a woman developing breast cancer is one in eight; and

WHEREAS, increased use of mammography has resulted in breast cancers being found earlier in their development, when they are smaller and at less advanced stages; and

WHEREAS, in the 1940s, only 72% of women diagnosed with breast cancer survived for five years. Today, the five-year survival rate for women with localized breast cancer is 97%; and

WHEREAS, annual screening mammography should begin at age 40 and should be complemented by annual clinical breast examinations; and

*WHEREAS, over 4,000 uninsured Alexandria women have been afforded mammograms using funds raised by the **Walk to Fight Breast Cancer**, held annually since 1994; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of the City Manager, the Alexandria Office on Women, the Alexandria Commission for Women, the Alexandria Commission on Aging, the Alexandria Health Department, the Alexandria Office of Aging and Adult Services, the Y-ME of the National Capital Area, the Alexandria Business & Professional Women, the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, the Women Mean Business, the Inova Alexandria Hospital, the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation, and the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Development Committee are sponsoring the Fourteenth Annual **Walk to Fight Breast Cancer** on Saturday, October 20, 2007 to raise funds to support free mammograms for uninsured and under insured low-income women; and*

*WHEREAS, all Alexandrians are invited to join the **Walk to Fight Breast Cancer** on October 20, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., at Cameron Run Regional Park, or to sponsor participants in the Walk;*

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 October 2007, as:

"BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and encourage all women in Alexandria to be aware that they are at risk for breast cancer, and urge them to discuss early detection measures with their own health care providers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9th day of October 2007.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk