

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bernard "Ben" Brenman, Ret. Col., U.S. Army, envisioned a community archaeology program in which sites across the city representing all peoples and times would be valued by everyone living in and visiting Alexandria today; and

WHEREAS, Ben believed that a community working together in a partnership of residents, developers, archaeologists, volunteers and students could successfully "save, study, and share" Alexandria's archaeology; and

WHEREAS, Ben was a founder and chairman for 21 years of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, the first such local government commission in America; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission has established the Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award to recognize partners who demonstrate high quality work, innovation, commitment or extraordinary efforts in conducting and documenting research and advancing public appreciation and advocacy for archaeology; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 Brenman Award is presented to E. Sanders Partee to recognize his outstanding "backyard stewardship" and cooperation in the excavation of the 200-year old Henry Piercy Pottery and the donation of artifacts from that site, the most ever discovered in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 Brenman Award is presented to Eakin/Youngentob Associates for the company's commitment to the highest quality archaeological preservation at three development projects (Ford's Landing, Stonegate and Old Town Village) in which significant discoveries, including a historic wharf, ship hulls, 5000-year-old American Indian tools, and a Civil War site containing uniquely preserved artifacts such as leather boots, were documented; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 Brenman Award is presented to John Milner Associates, Inc., for the company's archaeologists in Alexandria who have pioneered improved methods of identifying Civil War campsites in small spaces and who have located two important camp sites and a Crimean oven in Alexandria backyards;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim that the inaugural Ben Brenman Awards be bestowed upon:

***"E. SANDERS PARTEE, EAKIN/YOUNGETOB ASSOCIATES
AND JOHN MILNER ASSOCIATES, INC."***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of December 2007.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk