

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has been in the forefront in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights for all without distinction as to race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, ancestry, national origin, marital status, familial status, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and its residents have consistently supported the human rights of all people and are committed to the furtherance of human rights on a local, national, and international level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes the efforts of human rights organizations to promote the fundamental freedoms of all people through the promotion of higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes this as the 59th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration announcing the first international Human Rights Month and of the adoption of the Genocide Convention by the UN denouncing genocide; and

WHEREAS, international peacekeeping has not been effective in eliminating genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, for example, and a political settlement remains far off; and

WHEREAS, the month of December is Human Rights Month, and December 10th marks Human Rights Day, which recognizes the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms of all people and is celebrated throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 2007 as:

"HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the elimination of discrimination and for the achievement of human rights for all.

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