

PROCLAMATION

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*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria government is committed to its values of respect, responsibility, teamwork, communication, diversity and leadership and has instituted a City Star! Award to honor individual employees or groups of employees who exemplify the City's Values; and*

*WHEREAS, the City wishes to honor Terilee Edwards-Hewitt, a part-time Data Entry Operator II at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Office of Historic Alexandria; and*

*WHEREAS, Terilee first began working for the City in 1995 at Gadsby's Tavern Museum coordinating volunteers and educational efforts, later joining the Alexandria Archaeology staff, where her professional skills and educational qualifications, including a graduate degree, bring so much more to her current position than her title indicates; and*

*WHEREAS, while Terilee's primary task is data entry, she is also a skilled and passionate educator who teaches anthropology and Native American cultures at Montgomery College and uses her extensive knowledge of the City's history and academic background in archaeology to present Alexandria Archaeology programs to college students and professional groups; and*

*WHEREAS, Terilee works for the Smithsonian Institution in the Accessibility Program which reviews exhibitions to assess their accessibility to people with disabilities and is able to share the knowledge and skills she has developed there with her colleagues in Alexandria; and*

*WHEREAS, because of Terilee's passion, knowledge and teaching abilities, Alexandria Archaeology is able to continue offering public programs that might have been canceled and/or reduced due to staffing limitations; and*

*WHEREAS, Alexandria Archaeology's outreach program exists thanks to Terilee's expertise and willingness to address large groups, and as a result, Terilee has introduced hundreds of students in the Metropolitan area to the wonders of Alexandria's archaeology, the importance of preservation and the significance of scientific research and Terilee has shared with people of all ages the artifacts and stories unearthed from the City's archaeological sites, from the chinaware possibly used by General George Washington at Gadsby's Tavern to the personal objects once owned by freed African-American families living in Hayti along South Royal Street, explaining this information with the greatest respect for those whose stories are being told; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council wishes to recognize Terilee Edwards-Hewitt for her deep commitment to sharing Alexandria's history with the public;*

*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 City Stars! Award for the month of February be bestowed on:*

**"TERILEE EDWARDS-HEWITT"**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.*

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk