

PROCLAMATION4
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WHEREAS, each year since 1965 the President of the United States has declared May as OLDER AMERICANS MONTH to honor our older citizens; and

WHEREAS, in the 2008 American Community Survey there were 21,000 persons age 60 and older living in Alexandria and that number is expected to increase exponentially in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, this year's Older Americans Month theme, "Living Today for a Better Tomorrow" reflects the Administration on Aging and the aging network's continued focus on prevention efforts and programs throughout the country that are helping older adults have better health as they age and avoid the risks of chronic disease, disability and injury; and

WHEREAS, older Alexandrians help others to understand the past, they teach timeless lessons of courage, survival and love. Through their legacy of patriotism, service, civic engagement, responsibility and economic contributions, Alexandria's seniors continue to unite families and communities and serve as role models for younger generations; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the advocacy efforts of the Alexandria Commission on Aging, which have resulted in stronger proactive legislation being passed at the State level and new programs being initiated to fill gaps in services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria Office of Aging and Adult Services acknowledges the work of its community partners in serving Alexandria's senior citizens and allowing them to safely remain in their own homes by providing services so that they can age in place; and

WHEREAS, May is also National Elder Abuse Prevention Month to help educate citizens of all ages about the problems of elder abuse and neglect;

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 May as:

**"OLDER ALEXANDRIANS MONTH AND
ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

and do hereby call on all Alexandrians to join in celebrating the contributions of the many older persons in our lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of May 2009.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk