

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Meals On Wheels began delivering food to the homes of Alexandrians who were unable to prepare their own meals because of illness or disability nearly 40 years ago as a 100-percent volunteer church-based effort; and

WHEREAS, the demand for Meals On Wheels grew to the level that, in 2003, the City of Alexandria formed a partnership with Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) to administer the program and coordinate the volunteers who continue to deliver the meals five days a week; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, 72 volunteers in SSA's Meals On Wheels Program delivered 43,712 meals to an average of 91 clients per month; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers take time to talk to the client about what is going on in their lives, and offer warm smiles and friendship; and

WHEREAS, SSA and the City are grateful to the Hermitage of Alexandria for preparing the meals, and allowing their site to serve as the meal pick up point for the volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Meals On Wheels Program is growing, and is in need of more volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the City and SSA encourage more individuals, companies and organizations to become Meals On Wheels partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and, on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2008 as:

"MEALS ON WHEELS"

a day of tribute, and do hereby call upon all Alexandrians to recognize the efforts of the many volunteers who continue to make this vital service possible.

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 September 2008.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk