

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, in the United States, the lifetime risk of a woman developing breast cancer is one in eight; and

WHEREAS, increased use of mammography has resulted in breast cancers being found earlier in their development, when they are smaller and at less advanced stages; and

WHEREAS, in the 1940s, only 72% of women diagnosed with breast cancer survived for five years. Today, the five-year survival rate for women with localized breast cancer is 97%; and

WHEREAS, annual screening mammography should begin at age 40 and continue as long as a woman is healthy and able to undergo the test and should be complemented by annual breast examinations by a medical professional; and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 uninsured Alexandria women have been afforded mammograms using funds raised by the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, held annually since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office of the City Manager, the Alexandria Office on Women, the Alexandria Commission for Women, the Alexandria Health Department, the Breast Cancer Network of Strength, the Alexandria Business & Professional Women, Women Mean Business, the Inova Alexandria Hospital, the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation, and the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Development Committee are sponsoring the Fifteenth Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer on Saturday, October 25, 2008 to raise funds to support free mammograms for uninsured and under insured low-income women; and

WHEREAS, all Alexandrians are invited to join the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer on October 25, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., at AMC Hoffman Center Theaters at Eisenhower Avenue and Swamp Fox Road, or to sponsor participants in the Walk;

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 October 2008 as:

**"BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"
AND
OCTOBER 17 AS "MAMMOGRAPHY DAY"**

in the City of Alexandria, and encourage all women in Alexandria to be aware that they are at risk for breast cancer, and urge them to discuss early detection measures with their own health care providers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of October 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk