

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Alexandria stand firmly committed to quality after-school programs because they:

- Provide a safe, friendly learning environment for our children that boost their academic achievement;
- Support working families by ensuring that their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;
- Encourage families to become more effective partners in their children's education;
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Campagna Kids Program, and the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities After-School Programs, in cooperation with the Alexandria City Public Schools have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after-school programs are a critical link to helping our children become successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, "Lights On After School," a national celebration of after-school programs which was held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, promotes the critical importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, many after-school programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights;

**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 as:

**"LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL!"**

in the City of Alexandria and commit our community to engage in innovative after-school programs and activities that ensure that the lights stay on and the doors stay open after school.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008.

**WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR**

On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC      City Clerk