

## PROCLAMATION

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*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the successful education of each and every child; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria City Public Schools acknowledge the important roles of parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members in the educational development of children and youth and recognize that family engagement in education is crucial to student achievement; and*

*WHEREAS, families have a major influence on their children's educational development and growth by expressing high expectations for performance; creating home environments conducive to learning; and supporting the work of teachers and principals in schools; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Public Schools places a dedicated emphasis on the importance of family engagement in education with a specific focus on families who have previously been under-represented because of social, economic, racial, or language barriers; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Public Schools is committed to "Engaging Each and Every Family for Student Success"; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and Alexandria City Public Schools recognize the importance of creating and sustaining meaningful partnerships between families and schools; and*

*WHEREAS, all Alexandrians are invited to the Family Involvement Rally on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at George Washington Middle School and to participate in family involvement activities during the month of November and throughout the year;*

*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 November 2008 as:*

**"FAMILY INVOLVEMENT MONTH"**

*in the Alexandria City Public Schools, and encourage families, schools, and the community to work together to engage each and every family in their children's education.*

*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