PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the eleventh annual America Recycles 2008 is a national event designed to encourage citizens, businesses, and governments to commit to reducing their waste by recycling and purchase of recycled-content products; and

WHEREAS, on a national basis recycling saves millions of dollars in disposal costs, creates jobs, and is recognized as an easy way for everyone to help protect the environment through the recovery and reuse of resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes its recycling program as an integral component of the City's solid waste management plan and that the new requirement for commercial and multi-family properties to provide recycling will help Alexandria meet it's goal of a 35 percent recycling rate; and

WHEREAS, the America Recycles Day theme "It All Comes Back to You" promotes the important role Alexandria citizens, employees, and businesses play in recycling materials from residential, commercial and government recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has long demonstrated its dedication to the protection of the environment and its natural resources through a diverse array of environmental programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria demonstrates its commitment to recycling and other environmental programs through the Eco-City Charter;

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

"AMERICA RECYCLES 2008 MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria and hereby commend all persons who are committed to and work towards preserving our natural resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 19th day of November 2008.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council

of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST: