

WHEREAS, the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade was started 38 years ago by the Campagna Center in partnership with the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., and the City of Alexandria, to celebrate our City's Scottish heritage, our unique quality of life, and the mission of the Campagna Center; and

WHEREAS, for 63 years, the Campagna Center has drawn together the resources of the Alexandria community to provide programs that help children become productive adults and has provided an arena for all Alexandrians (or volunteers) to share their talents and skills in support of their community; and continued the important work of Betty Wright, Elizabeth Ann Campagna, and other community activists who, through their vision, created a safe haven in the Alexandria community where all families and children could flourish; and

*WHEREAS, the Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating 41 years of **Alexandria Head Start**, a comprehensive child development program for more than 300 low-income children that improved school readiness skills and helps break the cycle of poverty; and*

*WHEREAS, the Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating 31 years of **Campagna Kids**, a nationally accredited before-and-after-school program that serves 800 children at 12 sites across the City; and*

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff of the Campagna Center influence the lives of more than 1,500 children each day through Early Head Start, Alexandria Head Start, the Campagna Early Learning Center, Afternoon Adventures, Campagna Kids, Wright to Read, and Building Better Futures; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 38th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk is "More than a Weekend...An Alexandria Tradition"; and

WHEREAS, the following corporations are actively supporting the Campagna Center through their sponsorship of the 38th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend: The Westin Alexandria; Tate Incorporated; Alexandria Buick Pontiac GMC Saturn Chevy; Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney PC; Christine Garner; Mazda North American Operations; SunTrust; the Allen Corporation of America, Inc.; Clarke & Sampson; Sue and Marty Goodhart; National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation; Nissan North America; Donnan C. Wintermute; Commercial Carpets of America; Florida Tech – Alexandria & Quantico; Krekeler Brower Wealth Advisors, MICG; Lindsay Automotive; McEneaney Associates; McLaughlin Ryder Investments; Murphy & Associates; Simpson Development Company; Mount Vernon Voice; Alexandria Gazette Packet/Connection Newspapers; Comcast; and Local Kicks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 6, 2008, as the:

**"38th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMPAGNA
CENTER'S SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK"**

and encourage the citizens of Alexandria to observe this with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of November 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk