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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the positive development of its children and youth; and

WHEREAS, adolescent pregnancy continues to be a serious and complex national and local issue that impacts the social, economic, health and developmental outcomes of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has the third highest teenage pregnancy rate in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, Alexandria public and private youth-serving agencies have worked together to reduce adolescent pregnancy and promote services to adolescent parents; and

WHEREAS, in Fall 2005, Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) identified a goal of reducing Alexandria's adolescent pregnancy rate by 15 percent by 2010 through culturally and age appropriate education, advocacy, technical assistance, direct service prevention programs and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, between 2005 and 2008, the teen pregnancy rate dropped 27%; and

WHEREAS, May is the National Month to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

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 May 2010, as:

"TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH"

in Alexandria, and I call upon our citizens to observe this month by supporting activities that focus on enhancing our efforts to reduce adolescent pregnancy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of May 2010.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk