

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, in one year there were an estimated nearly 800,000 children missing and on average, there is an estimated average of 2,200 children reported missing to law enforcement agencies daily; and

WHEREAS, 58,200 of these children are victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 are the victims of family abductions; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; helps find missing children; and assists victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's recovery rate has grown from 62% in 1990 to 96% of domestically missing children, but too many children still remain among the missing; and

WHEREAS, this special day is a time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby urge the participation of local government, law enforcement, schools, community-based organizations, and families in the protection and education of all individuals about child abduction and sexual exploitation, appropriate protective measures, and ways to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and its collaborative organizations, the City of Alexandria proclaims May 25, 2011 as:

"NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY"

as part of the City of Alexandria's continuing efforts to prevent the abduction and sexual exploitation of children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of May 2011.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk