

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the governors of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia and the mayor of Washington, D.C. have come together to support "Day to Serve"; and

WHEREAS, Day to Serve is a unique event that has inspired a diverse group of people of our larger region to set aside their political, religious and cultural differences to strengthen our collective communities by coming together to "feed the hungry, protect and enhance the environment, as well as strengthening our communities"; and

WHEREAS, the governor of Virginia has issued a proclamation encouraging all citizens of Virginia to participate in a Day of Service, between September 15-29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, since the Inaugural "Day to Serve" in 2012, this remarkable and unprecedented event swept from the state capital to local churches, schools, neighborhoods and families and resulted in over 750 community events with more than 14,000 volunteers, culminating in 26,000 hours of service rendered, resulting in over 600,000 pounds of food being donated to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, these events also helped to improve the environment through planting trees, cleaning up parks and streams, and adopt a road campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the governor of Virginia has requested Virginians redouble our efforts for 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Alexandria supports the governor on this observance to call upon all faith based organizations, community organizations and Northern Virginia residents to participate in a Day to Serve in their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Alexandria calls upon the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and Virginia's Planning District Commissions to adopt similar resolutions and encourages all local governments to support the "Day to Serve."

Adopted this _____ day of September, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC

City Clerk and Clerk of Council