

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center began the annual tradition of an Alexandria Christmas event 48 years ago in 1966 as “A Colonial Christmas”; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center renamed the Parade portion of the Weekend as the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade 44 years ago in 1970 to celebrate our City's Scottish heritage, our unique quality of life, and the mission of The Campagna Center; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center in partnership with the Saint Andrew’s Society of Washington, D.C., the Scottish Government, and the City of Alexandria, hosts a weekend of festivities the first weekend in December to share Alexandria’s unique quality of life and the mission of The Campagna Center; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center has provided an arena for all volunteers to share their talents and skills in continuation of the important work of Betty Wright, Elizabeth Anne 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, *next year marks the 70th anniversary of The Campagna Center, the organization that helps children, teens and adults in Alexandria reach their potential by supplementing public services with vital pre-K education, afterschool programs, tutoring/mentoring, family support services, and English classes for immigrants; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating close to 50 years of Alexandria Head Start, a comprehensive child development program that enhances school readiness for more than 450 children from families working toward self-sufficiency; and*

WHEREAS, *The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria are celebrating 37 years of Campagna Kids, a before- and after-school program that serves more than 700 children at 11 sites across the City; and*

WHEREAS, *the dedicated staff of The Campagna Center influence the lives of more than 1,700 children and their families each day; and*

WHEREAS, *the theme of the 44th 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 44th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend: The Scottish Government; Passport Auto Group, TTR Sotheby’s International Realty, Christine Garner, Weichert Realtors; Sue & Allison Goodhart, The Goodhart Group; Mazda North American Operations; Craig and Leslie Stevens; The Alexandria Gazette Packet; Mount Vernon Gazette; Comcast; Local Kicks; Mount Vernon Voice; the City of Alexandria, and the St. Andrew’s Society of Washington, DC.*

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, 2014, as the:

"44th 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 11th day of November, 2014.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk