

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alexandria salutes its rich military history dating back to 1755 and prides itself as the home of more than 250 veteran-owned businesses and 12,000 veterans. Alexandria provides meaningful opportunities for veterans to contribute after military service with its creative, diverse, and vibrant business community; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria established the Alexandria Veterans Business Enterprise Center (AVBEC) in June 2013 to create a second-to-none community for veterans to start a business, grow a business, or begin a new career. The AVBEC provides personalized, objective guidance to ensure veterans' success in business planning, professional connections, access to resources, and transition services; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria strives to be the top veteran-business community in Virginia and the United States by valuing veterans through sponsorship, dialogue, information sharing, and access to top business resources and mentors. Veteran entrepreneurs and businesses are a thriving part of our city's economy; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day was yesterday, Monday, November 11, 2013, a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Veterans Day is a fitting time for the City of Alexandria to join in this celebration, honoring our own veterans and inviting others to join our community in the year to come through these new efforts to be led by the Alexandria Veterans Business Enterprise Center (AVBEC).

NOW, THEREFORE, I WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby declare that 2014 be:

“ALEXANDRIA’S YEAR OF THE VETERAN”

In the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of November, 2013.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk