

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's whaleboat, begun in 2012 by volunteers and at-risk youth as part of Mystic Seaport's restoration and celebration of the Charles W. Morgan, is the last remaining wooden whaleship in the world; and*

WHEREAS, *the Charles W. Morgan is the nation's sole surviving whaleship and the oldest commercial vessel afloat; and*

WHEREAS, *the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's whaleboat and the Charles W. Morgan are symbols of the American Spirit, shipbuilding industry, and serve to honor our seafaring ancestors and the many courageous whaling voyages of the 1800's; and*

WHEREAS, *the Land Launch and Celebration will begin on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., for the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's whaleboat on Maryland Avenue north of the Botanical Garden and the whaleboat will be on exhibit until 2:00 p.m. for the public to view; and*

WHEREAS, *this will be a viewing of one of the seven whaleboats on Capitol Hill before heading to Mystic, Connecticut, where she will be placed aboard the Charles W. Morgan for the 38th and final voyage to New England ports.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby invite the public to join in the land launch of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's whaleboat on March 12 on Capitol Hill.

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 March, 2014.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk