

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has a rich archaeological heritage with thousands of resources that survive from a 13,000-year period and reflect the great diversity of the human experience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria finds that its residents' commitment to the study, preservation, protection, curation, interpretation and promotion of these archaeological resources is unique among American cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has shown itself to be a pioneer in the development of community-based archaeology in America through the creation of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, the first in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission's long record of accomplishment has helped Alexandria be recognized internationally as a model for public participation in archaeology through such endeavors as: the Alexandria Archaeological Protection Code, the Alexandria Canal Tide Lock Park, Waterfront Walk, Alexandria African American Heritage Park, the Alexandria Heritage Trail, Jones Point archeology, Alexandria Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, the Alexandria Waterfront History Plan, and integration of history and art into the landscape design for the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, along with the City of Alexandria, received the 2005 Mary Mason Anderson Williams Award from the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities for its sustained achievement in the field of archaeological preservation, and also became the first recipient of the Society for Historical Archaeology's Dan Roberts Award for Excellence in Public Archaeology in 2012, along with the City and Alexandria Archaeology, for leadership in community archaeology for fifty years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize the time, service, and accomplishments of the past and current members of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission over the past forty years. The City Council acknowledges the contributions of these individuals to Alexandria and American history and archaeology, and thanks them for their community service.

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 February, 2015.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk

