

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America's problems with violence within our society has escalated not abated, during the last decade affecting families in every walk of life and threatening our national security and the safety of children, youth, adults, seniors and families; and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that it is in our nation's best interest to increase knowledge and training of conflict resolution, mental health resources, parenting skills and non-violence resources and to make resources available for the nation to "Change the Culture of Violence in America;" and


WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. issued a call for non-violence in America, fifty years ago at the August 28, 1963 March on Washington and Dr. King called for peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create a more fair and just society for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Black Women for Positive Change, a national, civic, volunteer organization is calling for a National Summit on Non-Violence and Day of Non-Violence in collaboration with Faith-Based Leaders, National Organizations, Elected Officials and Community Leaders on August 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in line with the objectives set for the Summit and Day of Non-Violence elected officials across the country have been asked to declare this date as a national Day of Non-Violence and high school, college students, community-based organizations and faith institutions in Alexandria, Virginia, have been challenged to plan a day or event that demonstrates what a day without violence would be like in their communities.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby resolve that Thursday, August 22, 2013, be designated as a City-Wide Day of Non-Violence in Alexandria. This Day will serve as a reminder of our shared purpose and all citizens and visitors are called upon to this Day of Non-Violence with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. This action is taken in concert with other cities of the United States of America, to promote a National Day of Non-Violence nationwide.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22nd day of August, 2013.



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

ATTEST:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk