

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, today the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington is celebrating 160 years of service and growth to greater Washington; and*

*WHEREAS, the Y was founded as a safe place for young men to gather and seek refuge from cities brimming with violence and crime; and*

*WHEREAS, the founding principle continues to this day, fostering an environment for learning, playing and sharing; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout its rich history, the Y has brought us such American traditions as basketball, volleyball, group swim lessons, Father's Day, Boy Scouts of America, the USO and more; and*

*WHEREAS, the Y is open to all and provides programs and services for 200,000 men, women and children throughout its 17 branches in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia; and*

*WHEREAS, the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington was the second to be created in our nation, and YMCA Anthony Bowen in the District of Columbia is the first African American Y to be founded in the world; and*

*WHEREAS, the YMCA has served the community for over 50 years with food and clothing donations, toy drives and other services to help support the needs of the community; and*

*WHEREAS, YMCA Alexandria was founded in 1961 has become a catalyst for personal and social change in the Alexandria community; and*

*WHEREAS, First Lady Michelle Obama even launched her "Let's Move" campaign against childhood obesity at the YMCA Alexandria in 2010; and*

*WHEREAS, the Y will continue to develop programs and services that address our community's most critical social needs. From childhood obesity prevention to summer learning loss, to lack of access to healthy foods, the Y is consistently listening and responding.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council do here by congratulate the:*

**"YMCA"**

*on the occasion of its 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and express appreciation for the service the Y renders to the community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012*



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

ATTEST:



Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk

