

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1992, the City of Alexandria established the Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award in recognition of those individuals who are dedicated to improving the health of the Alexandria community with a demonstrated commitment to the medically needy of the City, and in honor of the award's Twentieth (20th) anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Flora Krause Casey's life work helped provide medical care for the low-income residents of Alexandria, integrate the City during an era when such ideas were controversial, and foster the volunteer spirit for the community in a way that made Alexandria a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of Flora Krause Casey still lives on in the many good works of community health-minded individuals in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert H. Anderson for more than 50 years served the Alexandria community and thousands of children as a conscientious and dedicated pediatrician, from the early 1950s until his death in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert H. Anderson, while developing a busy pediatric practice in Alexandria in the early 1950s, was also concerned about the large number of underserved, underprivileged citizens who lacked regular medical care in the City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson had a vision beyond medicine and was heavily involved with education reform, the need for new schools, and the need for low cost subsidized housing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson worked tirelessly along with his medical colleagues to develop the pediatric department at Alexandria Hospital, where he later became Chief of Pediatrics and eventually the President of the Medical Staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson worked part-time for nearly 50 years on a pro bono basis at the Alexandria Health Department's well baby clinic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson's leadership, dedication and work with the Flora Krause Casey Clinic at Alexandria Hospital had much to do with its success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson's willingness to provide coverage for Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.'s (ANHSI) pediatric program at a moment's notice contributed to maintaining and improving access to care for many of Alexandria's most vulnerable children; moreover, his calm, cheerful and caring nature provided an important stabilizing force in the early days of ANHSI's debut as a federally qualified health center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson was a recognized leader for his lifelong interests in the welfare of the community; his work with the school board, the Meals on Wheels program, the Boys Club of Alexandria, Headstart, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and as president of the Alexandria Rotary Club are just a few examples of his so many contributions to the Alexandria community at large; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission have unanimously chosen Dr. Robert H. Anderson to receive the 2012 Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize Dr. Robert H. Anderson for the exceptional work he spent in improving the health and the quality of life for the residents of the Alexandria community, by awarding him the 2012 Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of April, 2012.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk