

## **Motion Commending the Electoral Board and Staff of the Office of Voter Registration**

**Whereas**, in the November 2008 general election, Arlington County residents cast 110,153 votes, 14,934 (16%) more than were cast in the 2004 general election, and

**Whereas**, Arlington County residents cast 34,110 absentee votes, 22,086 (184%) more than were cast in the 2004 general election, and

**Whereas**, 5,500 Arlington residents registered to vote in the week before the registration deadline, and

**Whereas**, the election presented challenges arising from the first general election use of new voter machine technology and electronic poll books, and

**Whereas**, the Electoral Board and staff of the Office of Voter Registration handled the above mentioned challenges with grace and efficiency and reduced the wait time for many residents;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that, on January 6, 2009, the Arlington County Civic Federation joins Arlington residents in commending the Electoral Board and staff of the Office of Voter Registration for an outstanding job well done.