

WHEREAS, there are an estimated twenty-nine million persons in this country who are affected to some degree by a physical handicap; and

WHEREAS, these persons experience numerous problems in their everyday lives doing things which non-handicapped persons take for granted; and

WHEREAS, the problems of handicapped persons in many cases can be alleviated through communication, understanding, and affirmative action by citizens, business community and government; and

WHEREAS, the approximately four thousand handicapped persons in Alexandria presently lack an effective mechanism for publicizing their problems and developing and implementing policies and programs for resolving them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there be, and hereby is established a Mayor's Committee for the Handicapped to be responsible for:

Acting, advising and assisting the Mayor, City Council and City Manager in identifying and responding to the needs of the handicapped;

Coordinating the effective utilization of existing resources in the community towards alleviating the problems of the handicapped;

Providing a forum wherein handicapped persons will have the opportunity to make known the problems and frustrations which face them as they carry on their everyday lives;

Providing a mechanism for effective communication between the City of Alexandria and other jurisdictions or agencies with respect to studies, programs and policies designed to resolve problems faced by handicapped persons;

Assisting the City in identifying and attracting outside funds for carrying out programs and projects developed or approved by the Committee; and

Providing policy recommendations with respect to changing City and State laws in order to remove physical and other barriers which confront handicapped persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall be composed of the following members, who shall be appointed by the City Council and

