

RESOLUTION NO. 448

WHEREAS, on September 26, 1975, a flood resulting from Hurricane Eloise devastated the Arlandria area of Alexandria, bringing substantial financial loss to at least 700 families of that area; and

WHEREAS, the total losses to the City of Alexandria amounted to over \$11,000,000, a substantial part of which was suffered by Arlandria; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of that flood, over 600 families applied for assistance in the form of loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA); and

WHEREAS, of those 600 plus families, 250 have received loans from SBA, 26 low-income families' requests for loans, totaling some \$106,783, were rejected and the remaining 325 families have received no determination to date; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Virginia at the request of the City of Alexandria asked the President of the United States to declare the flood area a major Presidential Disaster Area; and

WHEREAS, such request seems to have been rejected by the President; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned 26 families are, through no fault of their own, suffering severe deprivations and economic, physical, and psychological hardship resulting from the flood and inability to gain assistance from government at any level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria joins with the residents of Arlandria in their plea to the Governor of Virginia for state emergency assistance to the aforementioned 26 families and any others who may be rejected by SBA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States be requested to reconsider declaring the flood area a major Presidential Disaster Area.

Adopted December 13, 1975

Helen Holleman, City Clerk and
Clerk of Council