

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Mosquito Control Association has declared June 20-26, 2010, as National Mosquito Control Awareness Week to promote environmentally sound mosquito control practices and enhance public education; and

WHEREAS, residents can limit the impact of mosquitoes on the community by eliminating mosquito breeding sites; preventing mosquito bites by wearing light-colored, long loose-fitting clothing; and using DEET or federally approved insect repellents; and

WHEREAS, West Nile virus was detected in Fairfax County in the last 12 months; and

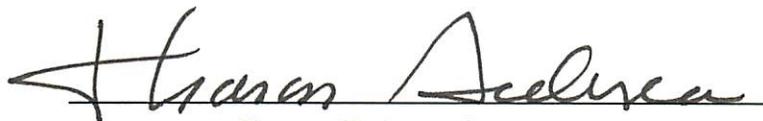
WHEREAS, excess numbers of mosquitoes diminish enjoyment of the outdoors and pose a public health risk to county residents, particularly those age 50 and older who are at greater risk of serious complications and even death from mosquito-borne diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Health Department's Disease Carrying Insects Program supports the vision of healthy people in healthy communities by providing surveillance and testing of mosquitoes to track West Nile virus and county outreach, including public education materials that are available online in seven languages; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby affirm its commitment to public health by declaring June 20-26, 2010 as

Mosquito Control Awareness Week

in Fairfax County and urges all residents to say No to MOSquitoes by raising their awareness of mosquito control practices in the community.



Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

June 8, 2010

Date

