

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, nationwide 1 in eight live births is premature — born before 37 weeks of gestation — including about 1 in every 10 live births in Fairfax County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that prematurity is the leading cause of death among newborn babies and being born prematurely is a serious health risk to the child; and

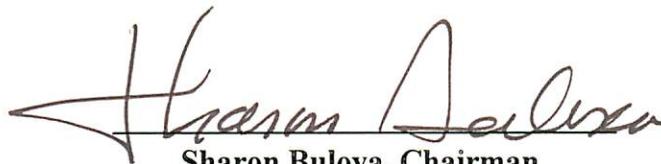
**WHEREAS**, November has been designated nationally as a time to come together in an effort to save babies from premature birth by finding the causes through research; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Health Department works with pregnant women to educate them about known risk factors; the importance of choosing a healthy lifestyle including a prenatal diet rich in folic acid; medical care before and during pregnancy; and how to recognize and respond to the signs and symptoms of pre-term labor; **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 and declares November 2011 as as

## Prematurity Awareness Month

in Fairfax County, and urges all residents to take steps to educate themselves, their families and the community about premature birth.



Sharon Bulova, Chairman  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

November 1, 2011

Date

