Business and Professional Women's Foundation Day

February 27, 2006

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, in 1956 the Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Foundation became the first foundation to dedicate itself to working women by performing research and providing information solely about working women; and

WHEREAS, the BPW Foundation is a nonprofit research and educational institution that has been Lighting the Way through education, knowledge sharing, research and support for working women and employers seeking to create successful workplaces that empower their employees; and

WHEREAS, working women constitute 66 million of the nation's workforce and strive to serve their communities, their states and their nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the BPW Foundation is to empower working women to achieve their full potential and to partner with employers to build successful workplaces; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years Business and Professional Women's Foundation has influenced, informed and educated Presidents, members of Congress, state officials, policymakers, employers and women of influence by providing accurate, unbiased information on the challenges faced by working women and their contributions to the workforce; and

WHEREAS, we honor the exciting history and the promising future of the BPW Foundation on its 50th Anniversary:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2006, as "BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FOUNDATION DAY" in Washington, DC.

Anthony A. Williams
Mayor, District of Columbia