

Formal Awards Ceremony/Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER/S
1	<p>NOTE: THE FOLLOWING WILL BE A SURPRISE PRESENTATION/ DESIGNATION</p> <p>Richmond City Council Chambers Official Dedication Honoring Mr. Dick Harman</p>	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT HONOR AND DEDICATION	To recognize, honor and celebrate Mr. Dick Harman for nearly thirty years of dedicated service as the TV Host Announcer of Richmond City Council Formal Meeting broadcasts.	Addison Agelasto Council Mayor
2	<p>To be received by: Mr. Dick Harman Richmond City Council Formal Meeting broadcasts TV Host Announcer</p> <p>Dick Harman Media Gallery official designation</p>	PLAQUE INSTALLATION CEREMONY	Dedication of area of Richmond City Council Chambers in honor, of Mr. Harman on behalf of his many years of service.	
3	<p>Richmond HIV/AIDS Awareness Day</p> <p>To be received by: Linwood K. Christian, Jr. Vice-President Common Ground Consumer Advisory Board</p>	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To support individuals, families, and many dedicated entities, community-based organizations, and the medical community and thank them in helping to fight, prevent, and cure this disease.	President Mayor
4	<p>Richmond Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month</p> <p>To be received by: TBA</p>	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To further increase public awareness and support families, caregivers, organizations, entities and the medical community working on behalf of Alzheimer's Disease.	Jones Mayor

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5	Julia Warren Executive Director Celebrate! RVA To be received by: Julia Warren	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	In recognition of her creation of Celebrate! RVA and for service to the community.	Robertson
6	Elizabeth Houston Volunteer Leader, HandsOn Greater Richmond To be received by: Elizabeth Houston	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor and celebrate her for her service to the community.	Agelasto
7	HandsOn Greater Richmond To be received by: Vanessa Diamond, Director HandsOn Greater Richmond	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor and celebrate HandsOn Greater Richmond for its service to our community.	

The following Richmond City Council Formal Awards were presented in the community at a different date.

8	Richmond First Responder Appreciation Day Presented in community on October 21, 2017	RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION	To further recognize, honor and celebrate our First Responders.	Newbille
9	Mount Carmel Baptist Church <i>Richmond, Virginia</i> Presented in community on October 22, 2017	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize it on the occasion of its 130th-year Anniversary.	President
10	Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God <i>Richmond, Virginia</i> Presented in community on November 5, 2017	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize it on the occasion of its 150th-year Anniversary.	Newbille



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT HONOR AND DEDICATION

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby and officially recognize:

Richmond City Council Chambers Official Dedication Honoring Mr. Dick Harman

The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor and celebrate Mr. Dick Harman for nearly thirty years of dedicated service as the TV Host Announcer of Richmond City Council Formal Meeting broadcasts.

A dedicated professional, Mr. Harman began serving as the TV Host of Richmond City Council Meetings in March 1988, which has included an estimated 700 televised Richmond City Council Formal and Special Meetings held during that time.

Produced by Richmond City Council in collaboration with Commonwealth Public Broadcasting, WCVE TV, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Richmond, Mr. Harman provides important pre-meeting and post-meeting overviews, information and summaries of our resident's local legislative process. Broadcast live over the airwaves and on cable with no commercial breaks by Commonwealth Public Broadcasting, his hosted broadcasts are also streamed live on the internet; replayed multiple times on Richmond Government Access TV Channel 17; and, archived for 24-hours a day access from the Richmond City Council Website.

Now, Therefore, With great respect, honor and celebration of his service Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby designate and dedicate the media area section established within Richmond City Council Chambers on behalf of Mr. Dick Harman, and commemorate this action with the placement of a permanent plaque with his name on it and thank him for his commitment on behalf of Richmond residents and for helping make our city an even better place to live, work, learn, love, play, visit and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the thirteenth day of November, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eightieth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District



Richmond City Council

The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
Mayor
City of Richmond



MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY
City of Richmond, Virginia

The Honorable Andreas D. Addison
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond West End 1st Voter District



Richmond City Council



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

IN HONOR, RECOGNITION, AND APPRECIATION

This area of Richmond City Council Chambers is named in recognition, honor, and appreciation of Mr. Dick Harman on behalf of his many years of dedicated service as the Richmond City Council TV Host Announcer of Richmond City Council Formal Meeting broadcasts, and is henceforth designated as the:

Dick Harman Media Gallery

Dedicated and installed by Richmond City Council
this day of Monday, November 13, 2017



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby and officially proclaim:

Richmond HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Whereas, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially declare Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) to be a dreadful disease and a clear and present threat to the life, health, and happiness of individuals and families in our community; and

Whereas, AIDS is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and tragically affects the lives of so many people in our community and across the world; and

Whereas, More than a million people in the United States of America are currently living with HIV and more than 600,000 people in the U.S. have died since the epidemic began; and

Whereas, There is currently no known cure for HIV/AIDS and important work confronts each of us in the need for funding, research, treatment, testing, education, and finding a cure; and

Whereas, The overwhelming personal losses, costs, and consequences to our families and community as a result of this disease are tragic, profound, and far-reaching; and

Whereas, The World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS established World AIDS Day in 1988 to be observed on December 1 of each year in order to raise awareness about the deadly disease; and

Whereas, Richmond includes many dedicated entities and community-based organizations that provide important information, access, and support regarding HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, education, and treatment who are commended for their outstanding efforts and tremendous work;

Now, Therefore, In order to help further increase public awareness and to support the individuals, families, and the many dedicated entities, community-based organizations, and the medical community working with confronting HIV/AIDS, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney, in recognition of the World Health Organization's World AIDS Day, do hereby proclaim December 1 of each year as **Richmond HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** in Richmond, Virginia and thank those providing support in helping to fight, prevent, and cure this disease.

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The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District



Richmond City Council

The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
Mayor
City of Richmond



MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY
City of Richmond, Virginia

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District



Richmond City Council



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION

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Richmond Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

Whereas, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to declare Alzheimer's to be a terrible disease that adversely impacts the life, health, and happiness of residents in our community; and

Whereas, It is estimated that thousands of individuals and related family members living in our community are impacted each day by Alzheimer's Disease; and

Whereas, There is currently no known prevention or cure for Alzheimer's and it is estimated that there will be significant increases in those diagnosed with it in the years to come; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's directly or indirectly affects all our residents and it is estimated that families with loved-ones stricken with the disease provide 80 percent of the care at home, which can be completely devastating financially and emotionally to family caregivers; and

Whereas, The overwhelming personal losses, costs, and consequences to our families and community as a result of this disease are tragic, profound, and far-reaching; and

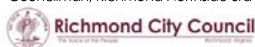
Whereas, Increased awareness, funding, and research into early detection, causes, and treatments are critical for developing effective treatments and a cure for Alzheimer's Disease; and

Whereas, Richmond includes many entities and community-based organizations that provide caring and critical support for individuals and families living with Alzheimer's who are commended for their outstanding dedication;

Now, Therefore, In order to further increase public awareness and support families, caregivers, organizations, entities and the medical community working on behalf of Alzheimer's, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney, in recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Month, do hereby proclaim the month of November as Richmond Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in Richmond, Virginia and encourage increased research into early detection, causes, treatments, and a cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

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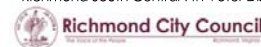
The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District



The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
Mayor
City of Richmond



The Honorable Michael J. Jones
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond South Central 9th Voter District





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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially proclaim:

Julia Warren

Executive Director, Celebrate! RVA

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate Julia Warren for her work as founder and Executive Director of Celebrate! RVA.

A Richmond native, Ms. Warren founded Celebrate! RVA in 2013. A Richmond-based nonprofit organization, Celebrate! RVA hosts birthday celebrations for children from economically disadvantaged or at-risk backgrounds. Through these birthday parties, Celebrate! RVA seeks to bring joy to children and enthusiasm to the community.

Through a partnership with Richmond Public Schools, Celebrate! RVA hosts monthly birthday celebrations at Oak Grove-Bellemeade and George Washington Carver Elementary Schools for all the children born within the given month. Additionally, Celebrate! RVA partners with Safe Harbor Shelter, a safe house for survivors of domestic abuse, to throw individual birthday parties for children that have their birthdays while staying at the shelter. Celebrate! RVA also has partnerships with the Richmond Justice Center; the Assistance, Support and Kindness (ASK) Childhood Cancer Foundation; and, other organizations.

At present, Celebrate! RVA serves approximately 1,000 children per year. Through the efforts of Julia Warren and dozens of volunteers, Celebrate! RVA has held birthday celebrations for more than 5,000 children since January 2013.

Now, Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Julia Warren for her hard work and dedication to improve the lives of children and youth of our community, and thanks her for helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and raise a family.

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The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council
Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District



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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Elizabeth Houston

Volunteer Leader, HandsOn Greater Richmond

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor and celebrate Elizabeth Houston, Volunteer Leader, HandsOn Greater Richmond, for her service to the community.

Dedicated to community service and neighborhood beautification efforts, Elizabeth Huston began volunteering in 2016 with The Honorable Parker C. Agelasto, Councilman, Richmond Central 5th Voter District and has helped organize cleanups in coordination with civic association leaders in the district that he represents.

Established in 2005, HandsOn Greater Richmond is part of a national web-based volunteer networking clearinghouse that matches people and organizations, interested in volunteering time, talent and/or treasure, with opportunities in their area.

Since their creation, HandsOn Greater Richmond has assisted with facilitating hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of volunteer work, supplies, financial donations, and expertise being put into action on behalf of a wide range of numerous beneficial community service projects and beautification efforts across our area.

Having earned a solid reputation for good, HandsOn Greater Richmond is credited with helping create positive outcomes in our community and in strengthening the connections and capacities within our neighborhoods by providing inspiration and engagement through meaningful service and leadership.

As a sterling example and testament to its tremendous efforts, each year HandsOn Greater Richmond assists with the mobilization of nearly 16,000 volunteers in the Metro-Richmond area.

Now, Therefore, Due to her dedicated efforts, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor and celebrate Elizabeth Houston, Volunteer Leader, HandsOn Greater Richmond, for her service to the community, and thanks her for helping to make Richmond an even better and more beautiful place to live, work, learn, love, visit, and raise a family.

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The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
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Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

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Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
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The Honorable Parker C. Agelasto
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond Central 5th Voter District



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RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

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HandsOn Greater Richmond

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor and celebrate HandsOn Greater Richmond, for its service to our community.

Established in 2005, HandsOn Greater Richmond is part of a national web-based volunteer networking clearinghouse that matches people and organizations, interested in volunteering time, talent and/or treasure, with opportunities in their area. Originally begun locally as *Activate Richmond*, the entity joined forces and merged with the national HandsOn network in 2007.

Since their creation, HandsOn Greater Richmond has assisted with facilitating hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of volunteer work, supplies, financial donations, and expertise being put into action on behalf of a wide range of numerous beneficial community service projects and beautification efforts across our area.

Having earned a solid reputation for good, HandsOn Greater Richmond is credited with helping create positive outcomes in our community and in strengthening the connections and capacities within our neighborhoods by providing inspiration and engagement through meaningful service and leadership.

As a sterling example and testament to its tremendous efforts, each year HandsOn Greater Richmond assists with the mobilization of nearly 16,000 volunteers in the Metro-Richmond area.

Now, Therefore, With great appreciation for its efforts, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate HandsOn Greater Richmond for its service to our community and thanks its staff, volunteers, and the many people and organizations that support it, for helping to make Richmond an even better, safer, and more beautiful place to live, work, learn, love, visit, and raise a family.

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The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
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Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Parker C. Agelasto
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond Central 5th Voter District



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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially proclaim:

Richmond First Responder Appreciation Day

Whereas, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to declare First Responders to be vital to the life, health, safety and success of all Richmond residents and those visiting our beautiful and historic city; and

Whereas, Our First Responders represent highly trained and dedicated professionals comprised of a tremendous number of critically important administrative, operational and front line personnel who, in the early stages of an incident, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment; and

Whereas, A community of effort, First Responders include federal, state and local government and nongovernmental emergency public safety, fire, law enforcement, public health, clinical care, emergency communications, emergency management, public information, emergency medical services, hospital emergency facilities, public works, search and rescue, and other related personnel, departments, offices, agencies and authorities that provide immediate support services concerning prevention, response, and recovery operations; and

Whereas, This comprehensive cadre of career and volunteer personnel delivers 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week vigilance, action, security and sanctuary regarding emergency incidents, natural and manmade disasters, and criminal activity that threaten our community; and

Whereas, In America, public and community service is considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through their outstanding example, First Responders prove their dedication to, and support of, the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation; in that our individual destinies and that of our families, community, city, state and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, investment, labor and dedication of all its residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise;

Now, Therefore, In order to further recognize, honor and celebrate the incredible necessity, service and importance of all our dedicated First Responders, Richmond City Council does hereby officially proclaim October 21 to be **Richmond First Responder Appreciation Day**; and, thanks all departments, offices, agencies, authorities, personnel, and individuals providing emergency response for helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-first day of October, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eightieth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Mount Carmel Baptist Church

Richmond, Virginia

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor and celebrate Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia on the occasion of its historic 130th-year Anniversary.

Established in October 1887, Mount Carmel Baptist Church is located at 3200 E. Broad Street in the Richmond East End 7th Voter District (32nd and Broad Streets) and serves as an iconic and stalwart landmark in the Historic Church Hill Neighborhood of our beautiful capital city.

During the formation of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, initial religious services were held in the Burying Ground Hill Neighborhood home of two of its founding members. In 1904, the cornerstone of Mount Carmel Baptist Church's current home was laid.

Over the years, important Mount Carmel Baptist Church leaders, educators and clergy have included the late William H. White, grandfather of The Honorable Oliver W. Hill; Dr. Edward Daniel McCreary, decorated Professor of Virginia Union University; and, Dr. Thomas F. Freeman, inspiration for the acclaimed film, *The Debaters*.

Formed by members of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, Mount Carmel Baptist Church has grown over time and its dedicated members have continued to provide and expand programs and services on behalf of its congregation. Such programs have included the formation of a church in Ghana, and foreign mission trips throughout the Caribbean. Committed to work in the community, Mount Carmel Baptist Church also sponsors health, food, coat and clothing drives; and, serves a community meal once a month.

Now, Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate Mount Carmel Baptist Church, in Richmond, Virginia, on the occasion of its 130th-year Anniversary; and, bring this to the attention of all Richmond residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-second day of October, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eightieth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God *Richmond, Virginia*

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor and celebrate Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God in Richmond, Virginia on the occasion of its historic 150-year anniversary sesquicentennial.

Founded in Richmond, Virginia in 1867, Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God is presently located at 2301 Cedar Street in the Richmond East End 7th Voter District (at the intersection of Cedar and 24th Streets) and serves as an iconic and stalwart landmark in the Historic Union Hill Neighborhood of our beautiful capital city.

In 1918, the church moved from Cedar Street to 1001 Mosby Street, where it remained for several years. During that time, due to the small size of its congregation, the church could only afford to build a concrete basement on the site, with plans to eventually erect a sanctuary above when funds allowed.

In December 1951, Union Station Methodist Church vacated its edifice at the intersection of N and 24th Streets. In February 1952, Cedar Street Baptist Church purchased the building and relocated to this larger sanctuary. In the years following, the congregation voted to change the name of the church to Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God.

Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God built a new sanctuary in October 1980 with a seating capacity of 1,488, which is still in use to this day. The church also began a television ministry in 1989, broadcasting on Sunday mornings on WRLH Fox channel 35.

In February 1993, the City of Richmond adopted an ordinance to rename portions of N Street, Pleasants Street, and 19th Street to Cedar Street. Because of this, nearly 75 years after its initial move, Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God was once again located on a Cedar Street.

Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God has grown over time and its dedicated members have continued to provide and expand programs and services on behalf of its congregation. Such programs have included providing cold weather shelter for the homeless, hosting onsite Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, serving Thanksgiving Day meals to the needy, and hosting annual National Night Out block parties. The church's current pastor, Dr. Anthony Michael Chandler, Sr., also serves as a member of the Richmond Police Department Faith Leaders Partnership.

Now, Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God, in Richmond, Virginia, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and, bring this to the attention of all Richmond residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given our hands for presentation on the fifth day of November, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eightieth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

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Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District