

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p>Virginia Union University Football Team</p> <p>To be received by Virginia Union University</p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate the Virginia Union University Football Team and the individual and mutual commitment of its loyal players, coaches, students, parents, families, caregivers, professors, supporters, and our community, and wish the team many years of continued success.</p>	<p>CM. LAMBERT</p>

The following Richmond City Council Formal Award/s were written, prepared, produced, packaged, and provided for presentation in the community/separately, as indicated:

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2	<p>Richmond Adoption Awareness Day</p> <p>Presented Presented at the Virginia - Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court event held in the community on November 18, 2023</p>	<p>Richmond City Council and Mayor of Richmond - Richmond Joint Recognition</p>	<p>To recognize the established Richmond Adoption Awareness Day happening on the Saturday before Thanksgiving; thank our community's foster and adoptive parents; recognize the critically important leadership provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia - Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and the dedication of state and local government entities, families, nonprofit organizations, educators, individuals, and supporters who serve our children; thank them for helping make our city an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family; and, call this to the attention of all Richmond residents.</p>	<p>PRESIDENT MAYOR</p>



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL 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, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially recognize:

Virginia Union University Football Team

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the Virginia Union University Football Team; and

Whereas, serving as an enduring symbol of steadfast school pride, passion, and prowess, the Virginia Union University Football Program has earned great respect over the years for its student athletes and its commitment as a place where scholarship comes first in delivering the exceptional amalgamation of body, mind, and spirit through athleticism, learning, and teamwork; and

Whereas, in a sterling example of commitment, this year the Virginia Union University Football Team won the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship, held in Salem, Virginia on November 11, 2023; and

Whereas, representing many years of painstaking effort, support, and resilience, this recent achievement marks the Virginia Union University Football Team's first Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship win in 22 years; and

Whereas, the result of tremendous support, dedication, hard work, skill, and determination, the Virginia Union University Football Team's success is testament to the individual and mutual commitment of its players, coaches, students, parents, families, caregivers, professors, supporters, and the community as a whole for their combined roles in helping to make such outstanding opportunity and achievement possible; and

Whereas, located on a beautiful 84-acre wooded campus at 1500 N. Lombardy Street in the Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District, Virginia Union University provides liberal arts programs and graduate education for Christian ministries and was ranked this year by the U.S. News & World Report in the coveted top 40 of our nation's best Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and

Whereas, Richmond City Council is a strong advocate, supporter, and champion of the continued progress, advancement, and success of all Richmond students and is proud to promote and encourage academic education, training, and activities that provide safe and structured learning environments that help students build intelligence, teamwork skills, leadership abilities, knowledge, and mental and physical health in preparing them for lifelong success;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the Virginia Union University Football Team and the individual and mutual commitment of its loyal players, coaches, students, parents, families, caregivers, professors, supporters, and our community, and wish the team many years of continued success.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was respectfully prepared and hereunto established for effectuation on behalf of the residents of Richmond on the eleventh day of December, two thousand twenty-three, in the two hundred eighty-seventh year of the City of Richmond, founded in 1737, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia, established in 1776, and the United States of America.

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

The Honorable Kristen M. Nye
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District

The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
Councilmember, Richmond City Council
Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR of RICHMOND

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

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT RECOGNITION

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 Mayor of Richmond and Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia in the United States of America, do hereby and officially recognize:

Richmond Adoption Awareness Day

Whereas, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in common purpose to affirm children to be one of our community’s most important treasures; and

Whereas, All children deserve the highest quality care, security, and stability provided by a permanent loving family unit to help teach, support, guide, encourage, love, protect, nurture, and prepare them for happy, healthy, whole, productive, and successful lives; and

Whereas, There are many children in Richmond living in foster care, with a number of them awaiting permanent, loving “forever” families; and

Whereas, Richmond City Council and Mayor Stoney stand together in commending foster and adoptive parents and the dedicated state and local government entities, families, nonprofit organizations, educators, individuals, and supporters who assist with helping care for children in need; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Virginia - Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court serves as a sterling example of proven leadership in assisting, supporting, and helping raise awareness about the needs of children in foster care and celebrating families that adopt; and

Whereas, In 2000, a group of nonprofit organizations created a “National Adoption Day” for holding events and activities to increase awareness regarding the needs of children in foster care and encourage more people to become foster and adoptive parents, which was to be held each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving; and

Whereas, In 2010, Richmond City Council and the Mayor of Richmond recognized the Saturday before Thanksgiving as Richmond Adoption Awareness Day, and in 2017 proclaimed and in 2019 re-proclaimed it in perpetuity;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney recognize the established Richmond Adoption Awareness Day happening on the Saturday before Thanksgiving; thank our community’s foster and adoptive parents; recognize the critically important leadership provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia - Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and the dedication of state and local government entities, families, nonprofit organizations, educators, individuals, and supporters who serve our children; thank them for helping make our city an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family; and, call this to the attention of all Richmond residents.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was respectfully prepared and hereunto established for effectuation on behalf of the residents of Richmond on the eighteenth day of November, two thousand twenty-three, in the two hundred eighty-seventh year of the City of Richmond, founded in 1737, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia, established in 1776, and the United States of America.

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



The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
Mayor
City of Richmond



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