



Richmond City Council Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 23 January 2017**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Richmond Free Press 25th Anniversary To be received by: TBA	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION	To recognize, honor, and celebrate the Richmond Free Press newspaper for 25 years of circulation.	President
2	Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton Day In Recognition of the 175th Anniversary of his death To be received by: C. Clayton Shepherd, President Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery Jeffrey Burden	RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION	To recognize, honor, and celebrate Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton on the historic occasion of the 175th anniversary of his death on January 23, 1842.	Robertson



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RICHMOND OFFICIAL 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 Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Richmond Free Press

In recognition of its 25th Anniversary

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 the Richmond Free Press on the historic occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

Established in Richmond, Virginia, the Richmond Free Press is an independently-owned and operated newspaper serving the Richmond community that published and distributed its first edition on January 16, 1992.

A stalwart and leading member of the Richmond news community, the Richmond Free Press was founded by veteran newspaper reporter and editor Mr. Raymond H. Boone who, through weekly articles and editorials, lead the newspaper as its editor and publisher until his death on June 3, 2014.

Initially headquartered at 201 W. Broad Street, on April 19, 1992 the Richmond Free Press relocated to 101 W. Broad Street and, on December 10, 2001, moved to its current location at 422 E. Franklin Street #2.

A testament to its growing demand, the Richmond Free Press has a circulation of more than 35,000 and an estimated readership of more than 135,000.

Over the years, the Richmond Free Press has earned many awards for journalistic excellence, which include those from the Virginia Press Association, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, and the National Newspaper Publishers Association, as well as numerous other organizations such as the NAACP and the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate the Richmond Free Press on the historic occasion of its 25th Anniversary and brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents so that they may share in this auspicious milestone.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this twenty-third day of January, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred thirty-second year of the City of Richmond, in the two hundred fortieth 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



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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:

Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton Day

In recognition of the 175th Anniversary of his death

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 officially recognize, honor and celebrate Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton (1794-1842) on the historic occasion of the 175th Anniversary of his death, on January 23, 1842; and

Whereas, During his life, Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton owned a farm and vineyard that was situated near the present-day location of the Virginia Commonwealth University Seigel Center (1200 W. Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia); and

Whereas, Through his efforts and ingenuity, Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton is commonly credited with cultivating what is now known as the Norton Grape; and

Whereas, The Norton Grape was sold commercially beginning in 1830 and soon became the leading grape used for the production of wine in the Midwestern and Eastern United States of America, where it currently holds the title as the official grape of the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton's body was laid to rest in Richmond's Shockoe Hill Cemetery, operated by the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, where the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery have recently undertaken successful efforts to replace his weathered tombstone with a new monument; and

Whereas, Richmond City Council thanks the dedicated members, supporters and sponsors of the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery for their outstanding conservation and preservation work behalf of this important Richmond landmark;

Now, Therefore, In order to further recognize, honor and celebrate Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton on the historic occasion of the 175th Anniversary of his death, Richmond City Council does hereby proclaim January 23 as Dr. Daniel Norborne Norton Day in Richmond, Virginia and brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents so that they may share in its importance.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this twenty-third day of January, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred thirty-second year of the City of Richmond, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hillbert
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