

Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

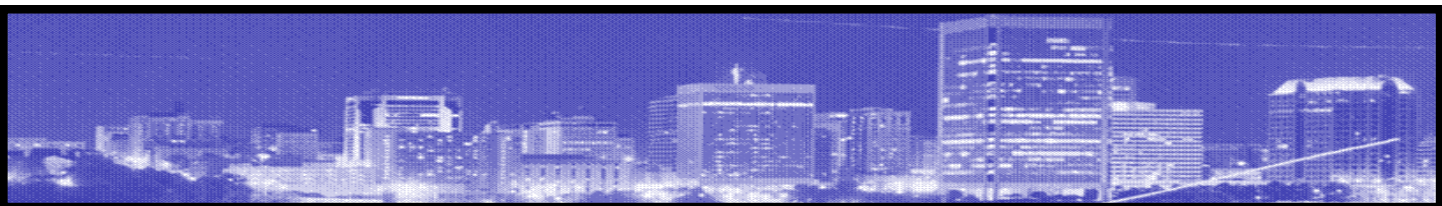
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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
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There are no Richmond City Council Formal Awards scheduled for this meeting.

The following Richmond City Council Formal Awards were written, prepared, produced, packaged, and provided for presentation in the community, as indicated below:

1	<p>Richmond Black Mental Health Week</p> <p>Presented <i>Provided for presentation at community event on October 4, 2021.</i></p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</p>	<p>To officially proclaim and establish, in perpetuity, the first full ISO standard week of October each year as Richmond Black Mental Health Week in Richmond, Virginia; and, to call this observance to the attention of all Richmond residents.</p>	<p>Council Mayor</p>
2	<p>FRIENDS Association for Children 150 Year Anniversary</p> <p>Presented <i>Provided for presentation at community event on October 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate FRIENDS Association for Children on the auspicious occasion of its 150th Anniversary commemoration; and, to praise it for helping to make our city and region an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.</p>	<p>Newbille Robertson Lambert</p>



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

Richmond Black Mental Health Week

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 solidarity and common purpose to declare and affirm good mental health to be critically important to the lives, well-being, and happiness of Richmond residents; and

Whereas, Professional mental health providers have identified issues and impacts relating to trauma, marginalization, racism, and cultural differences regarding mental health, well-being, and life outcomes of Black persons and studies have suggested links to adverse psychological outcomes such as increased anxiety, depression, and other health issues; and

Whereas, Disparities for those seeking mental health services as well as availability, cost, and access to quality professional mental health services can be significant barriers to those in need of mental health services in the United States; and

Whereas, Richmond City Council and Mayor Stoney celebrate, encourage, and support equity, equality, inclusion, and good mental health and encourage the benefits and availability of quality professional mental health services on behalf of Richmond residents; and

Whereas, Critical to helping provide and promote positive mental health services and well-being in Richmond are the many dedicated public, private, and nonprofit mental health providers, psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed practicing counselors, social workers, therapists, staff, advocates, entities, organizations, supporters, volunteers, and individuals helping provide quality mental health services in our community;

Now, Therefore, In order to further encourage, support, and promote the benefits and availability of quality professional mental health services, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially proclaim and establish, in perpetuity, the first full ISO standard week of October each year as **Richmond Black Mental Health Week** in Richmond, Virginia; thank the dedicated public, private, and nonprofit mental health providers, psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed practicing counselors, social workers, therapists, staff, advocates, entities, organizations, supporters, volunteers, and individuals helping provide quality mental health services in our community; and, call this observance to the attention of all Richmond residents.

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

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



The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
Mayor
City of Richmond



The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District





Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

FRIENDS Association for Children 150 Year Anniversary

Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the FRIENDS Association for Children for 150 years of dedicated service, support, and care for children and families throughout the Greater Richmond Metropolitan area and Central Virginia.

A non-profit organization specializing in childcare, youth development, and family support services, FRIENDS Association for Children serves a broad age range of children: from babies as young as six weeks old to youth 17 years of age. FRIEND's programs and services focus on the critical literacy and developmental skills children need to succeed at school and in life. It also provides development programs for families, young children, and youth, and programs in music, performing arts, and health education.

FRIENDS Association for Children was originally founded as the Friends Asylum for Colored Orphans in 1871 by Lucy Goode Brooks in the Jackson Ward Neighborhood of Richmond. A former enslaved person whose family was torn apart when her daughter, Margaret Ann, was sold and never heard from again, Lucy Goode Brooks was especially concerned for the plight of Black children left orphaned and abandoned in Richmond by former slave owners. She, along with the Ladies Sewing Circle for Charitable Work, appealed to the Richmond-based Quaker Society of Friends to sponsor the orphanage and, with their backing, a plot of land was donated by Richmond City Council to found the orphanage.

FRIENDS Association for Children currently operates two multi-service licensed child development centers in Richmond's Church Hill and Jackson Ward Neighborhoods, both of which aim to provide safe, stimulating, nurturing learning environments.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the FRIENDS Association for Children on the auspicious occasion of its 150th Anniversary commemoration; thanks its current and former enrollees, staff, and supporters; and, praises it for helping to make our city and region an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, this is hereunto given for presentation on the first day of October, two thousand twenty-one, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-fourth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District

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

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