



## Richmond City Council Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 11 January 2016**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	SPONSOR/S
1	<b>Richmond Stalking Awareness Month</b>  <b>To be received by</b> YWCA of Richmond	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</b>	To declare stalking to be a clear and present threat to the life, health and happiness of families living in our community and to help increase public awareness and support individuals, nonprofit organizations, families, educators, government social services, health care entities, law enforcement agencies, legislators and the business community.	<b>President Mayor</b>
2	<b>Mr. Robert Kelly</b> Chair, Richmond Christmas Parade Organizing Committee  <b>To be received by</b> Mr. Robert Kelly	<b>RICHMOND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD</b>	To officially recognize, honor, celebrate and bestow the Richmond Community Service Award on Mr. Robert Kelly and thanks him for his work in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.	<b>Graziano</b>



# RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR DWIGHT C. JONES

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, Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, and The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, do hereby and officially proclaim:*

# Richmond Stalking Awareness Month

**Whereas,** The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, 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 stalking to be a clear and present threat to the life, health and happiness of families living in our community; and

**Whereas,** The safety and well-being of all individuals is critical to the foundation of a healthy community and serves as a strong measure of its success; and

**Whereas,** Individuals victimized by stalkers include men and women of all ethnicities, backgrounds, races, education levels and income groups; and

**Whereas,** The social and economic costs and consequences of this crime are profound and long-lasting as many individuals victimized by stalkers lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity; and

**Whereas,** Effective stalking prevention and support programs succeed through policies, partnerships, investments and awareness created by individuals, nonprofit organizations, families, educators, government social services, health care entities, law enforcement agencies, legislators and the business community; and

**Whereas,** In 2004, the nonprofit National Center for Victims of Crime organization, established a National Stalking Awareness Month as an effort to increase community awareness about stalking;

**Now, Therefore,** In order to further help increase public awareness and support individuals, nonprofit organizations, families, educators, government social services, health care entities, law enforcement agencies, legislators and the business community; Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby officially proclaim the month of January 2016 to be **Richmond Stalking Awareness Month**; and, bring this to the attention of all Richmond Residents so that they may increase their vigilance in this regard.

*In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this eleventh day of January, two thousand sixteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.*

The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby  
President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District



The Honorable Dwight C. Jones  
Mayor  
City of Richmond



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





# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND COMMUNITY 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 recognize:*

### Mr. Robert Kelly

#### Chair, Richmond Christmas Parade Organizing Committee

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 Mr. Robert Kelly, Chair of the Richmond Christmas Parade Organizing Committee, for his service to our community.

As Chair of the Richmond Christmas Parade Organizing Committee, Mr. Kelly serves as a critical lynchpin in helping to ensure parade production, which includes the organization of hundreds of volunteers, more than 100 parade units, detailed logistics, communications, and sponsorships. Mr. Kelly began volunteering for the Richmond Christmas Parade in 1985 and has constantly demonstrated outstanding community spirit and leadership in helping to produce the event each year. Mr. Kelly has served as Chair of the Committee since 2008 and, prior to that, served as its Vice Chair.

Being held during the winter holiday season, the Richmond Christmas Parade starts at the Science Museum of Virginia on Broad Street, runs down to Seventh Street and ends at the Richmond Coliseum. Attended by enthusiastic families and "children of all ages," it is estimated to be enjoyed by more than 100,000 parade watchers, viewing both in person and through live TV broadcast on WTVR-CBS 6.

An historic Richmond holiday tradition, the Richmond Christmas Parade was first established in 1929 by the former Richmond-based Thalhimers Department Store as the Christmas Toy Parade, which ran until 1972, being briefly suspended during World War II. After a 13-year hiatus, the parade was revived by the Richmond Jaycees in 1985 and has been held ever since.

A tremendous undertaking, the success of the event is due to the support of hundreds of volunteers, event participants, local businesses and corporate sponsors. Title corporate sponsors over the years have included Thalhimers, Best Products, Ukrop's and, most recently, Dominion Resources.

A respected Richmond resident, Mr. Robert Kelly lives in the Westover Hills Neighborhood in the Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District and is a Customer Contracts Administrator for Dominion Resources. As further testament to his community dedication Mr. Kelly is very active in his neighborhood, serving two terms as President of the Westover Hills Neighborhood Association and leading the 2015 Westover Hills Merchants Area Volunteer Community Cleanup on Saturday, July 18, 2015.

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