



# Richmond City Council Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 22 May 2017**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER/S
1	<b>Richmond Emergency Medical Services Week</b>  To be received by: Richmond Ambulance Authority	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</b>	To celebrate Richmond Emergency Medical Services professionals and staff for helping make our city an even safer.	Larson
2	<b>The 135th Anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act and Immigrant and Refugee Rights Today</b>  To be received by: Mahmud Chowdhury, Chairman Asian American Society of Central Virginia Attending: Milind Pendse, Community Relations Director, Asian American Society of Central Virginia Raquib Hassan, Development Director, Asian American Society of Central Virginia Mohammad Amin, Bangladeshi Board Member, Asian American Society of Central Virginia Kim Nguyen, Vietnamese Board Member, Asian American Society of Central Virginia Eric Lin, Vice Chairman, Virginia Asian Advisory Board	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION</b>	To recognize the 135th Anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act in recognition of the harm caused by racially discriminatory immigration measures and to honor the contributions of all immigrants and refugees who have enriched our communities.	Agelasto
3	<b>Mr. Nurdeen Nasir</b>  To be received by: Nurdeen Nasir	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD</b>	To celebrate him for bravery, heroism and courage.	Robertson

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

4	<b>Ms. Annie Giles</b>  To be received by: Ms. Annie Giles at an event in the community on 5.20.2017	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD</b>	To celebrate the lifelong service and dedication of Ms. Annie Giles to the residents of the Whitcomb Court Neighborhood and Richmond.	Robertson Newbille
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# 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 Emergency Medical Services Week

**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 Emergency Medical Services to be vital to the continued health, safety and success of Richmond residents and those visiting our beautiful and historic city; and

**Whereas**, Access to quality Emergency Medical Services save lives by significantly increasing survival and recovery rates of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**Whereas**, Richmonders provide Emergency Medical Services in our city through the Richmond Ambulance Authority and the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services; and

**Whereas**, Richmond is proud of its Emergency Medical Services professionals who provide lifesaving care 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**Whereas**, Virginia has a long and proud history of leadership and commitment to Emergency Medical Services that includes our Nation's first independent volunteer rescue squad being founded in Roanoke, Virginia in 1928, which was the precursor to our modern Emergency Medical System that now includes more than 750,000 pre-hospital emergency medical service workers in the United States of America; and

**Whereas**, Some of the many important people supporting the delivery of Emergency Medical Services include: Administrative Staff, Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, Firefighters, Public Information Officers, Emergency Nurses and Physicians, Maintenance Technicians, Medical Instructors/Educators, and Emergency Communications Operators; and

**Whereas**, In 1974, The Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, proclaimed a week to be Emergency Medical Services Week, in response to the U.S. Congress establishing the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1973; and, in recent years it has been celebrated annually during the third full week of May;

**Now, Therefore**, In recognition and support of the national Emergency Medical Services Week, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby proclaim the third full work week of May as Richmond Emergency Medical Services Week in Richmond, Virginia in honor of all Richmond Emergency Medical Services professionals and staff and thank them for helping make our city an even better, safer and healthier 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-second day of May, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-ninth 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.

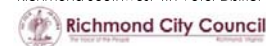
The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert  
Council President, Richmond City Council  
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District



The Honorable Levar M. Stoney  
Mayor  
City of Richmond



The Honorable Kristen Nye Larson  
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District





# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## 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:*

### The 135th Anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act and Immigrant and Refugee Rights Today

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 1882, President Chester Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which was the nation's first law to prohibit immigration solely on the basis of ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chinese Exclusion Act was based on racial hostility against Chinese, who were characterized as "unassimilable, vile heathens" and were blamed for lowering wages, taking away jobs, draining the economy, and endangering the American way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chinese Exclusion Act, which was renewed in 1892, 1902 and made permanent in 1904 prevented Chinese laborers from entering the U.S. and denied Chinese a pathway to citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent legislation such as the 1892 Geary Act, which required all Chinese to register for and carry on their persons Certificates of Residence or risk imprisonment and deportation set a precedent for future discriminatory registries of immigrants and descendants of immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Magnuson Act repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act on December 17, 1943 after 60 years; though restrictions on Chinese immigrants persisted until passage of the Immigration and Nationality Services Act of 1965, and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Senate in 2011 and the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012 unanimously condemned the Chinese Exclusion Laws and "affirmed Congress' commitment to preserve the civil rights and constitutional protections for all people;" and

**WHEREAS**, May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in the United States; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Richmond, Virginia marks May 6, 2017, as a Day of Inclusion in recognition of the harm caused by racially discriminatory immigration measures and to honor the contributions of all immigrants and refugees who have enriched our communities;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Richmond, Virginia reaffirms it is open and welcoming to immigrants and refugees who are integral to the life of our city.

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



# Richmond City Council

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## 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:

### Mr. Nurdeen Nasir

**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 recognize, honor, and celebrate Mr. Nurdeen Nasir for his bravery, heroism and courage in rescuing a neighbor from a burning building; and

**Whereas**, On April 20, 2017, the front bedroom of a house on Delaware Avenue, just east of Meadowbridge Road in Richmond, Virginia, caught on fire and began to burn; and

**Whereas**, An alert neighbor, Mr. Nurdeen Nasir, noticed the burning house and determined there was an occupant inside in need of immediate help; and

**Whereas**, Because the fire had started in the front of the house, entry through the front door was impassable due to smoke and flames, Mr. Nasir had to pull the occupant out of the bedroom through a window; and

**Whereas**, Due to the actions and quick response of Mr. Nasir, the woman was able to be assessed and stabilized by the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Richmond Ambulance Authority and transported to the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center Burn Unit, where she arrived in critical condition; and

**Whereas**, The woman trapped in the house fire suffered second and third degree burns over her entire body and Mr. Nasir is credited for his assistance for what most likely would have been a fatal incident; and

**Now, Therefore**, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby recognize, honor and celebrate Mr. Nurdeen Nasir for his bravery, heroism and courage in rescuing a neighbor from a burning house and acknowledge the fine work of the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Richmond Ambulance Authority for helping to protect us and our families and making Richmond an even place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

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## 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 recognize:

### Ms. Annie Giles

**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 recognize, honor, and celebrate the advocacy and community leadership of Ms. Annie Giles, and acknowledge the more than 40 years of volunteer service she has given to the residents of the Whitcomb Court Neighborhood; and

**Whereas**, The Whitcomb Court Neighborhood is comprised in part by a public housing community consisting of 447 units managed by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, is located in the Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District and adjacent to the Richmond East End 7th Voter District, and is bordered on the north and west by Interstate 64, Fairfield Way to the south, and Mechanicsville Turnpike to the east; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Annie Giles founded the Parent-Tot Program, an early childhood development program focused on aiding the children of the Whitcomb Court community, which was eventually replicated in six other housing developments, earning Ms. Giles an award from the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (now known as the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services); and

**Whereas**, A sterling example of volunteerism and community service, for more than 40 years, Ms. Giles has dedicated her time, energy and efforts to a plethora of causes which include directing a soup kitchen at Gospel Baptist Church; serving on many boards and committees, including the East District Family Resource Center Board of Directors, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Advisory Board, East End Partnerships for Families, and the Whitcomb Court Tenant Council; as well as helping to register people to vote for more than 25 years; and

**Whereas**, On September 26, 2016, in order to memorialize her contributions to the care of our city's children, volunteerism to feed the hungry, and efforts to make our city safer, Richmond City Council adopted Ordinance Number 2016-223, which bestowed the honorary designation of "Annie Giles Street" to the 2300, 2400, 2500, and 2600 blocks of Whitcomb Street, between Sussex Street and Anniston Street, in honor of Ms. Giles;

**Now, Therefore**, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate the lifelong service and dedication of Ms. Annie Giles to the residents of the Whitcomb Court Neighborhood and Richmond as a whole, and thank her for helping to make our city an even better and safer place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

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