

# Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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## Awards & Proclamations on behalf of the institution of Richmond City Council

### Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p><b>Richmond Indigenous Peoples' Day</b></p> <p>To be received by/ on behalf of: Richmond Indigenous Peoples</p>	<p>Richmond City Council And Mayor Levar M. Stoney</p> <p>Richmond Official Joint Proclamation</p>	<p>To, with the deepest respect, honor, and reverence on behalf of Richmond's first residents, jointly and officially proclaim, establish and recognize the second Monday in October annually, to be known as <b>Richmond Indigenous Peoples' Day</b>, in perpetuity, in continuing to help build a more inclusive and equitable city and encouraging a more complete historical narrative of our collective history.</p>	<p>President Mayor</p>
2	<p><b>Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.</b></p> <p>Iota Sigma Alumnae Chapter</p> <p>To be received by/ on behalf of: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Iota Sigma Alumnae Chapter</p>	<p>Richmond City Council And Mayor Levar M. Stoney</p> <p>Richmond Official Joint Recognition Award</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., in commemoration and observation of the truly historic and momentous occasion of it celebrating its 100th anniversary and as the Iota Sigma Alumni Chapter celebrates 87 years of service; and, thank its members for their work in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.</p>	<p>President Mayor</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 Indigenous Peoples' 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 that what is now known as Richmond was home to Powhatan (Algonquian) peoples who were well established on their ancestral lands long before English colonial arrival in 1607, and that indigenous peoples have been living in what is now Virginia dating back 22,000 years; and

**Whereas**, Virginia's present geographical boundaries include the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division, Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansemond Indian Tribe, Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, Rappahannock Tribe, and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe, and, prior to colonization, included lands enjoyed by many other Indigenous Peoples, including Shawnee and Cherokee; and

**Whereas**, Indigenous peoples contributed significantly to the survival and prosperity of English colonial peoples during the early years of their arrival through hospitality, life-saving food, and assistance to the Jamestown settlement, which is considered the birthplace of America; and

**Whereas**, The subsequent journey and history of Virginia's first residents over the past 400 years has been subject to immense trials, tribulation, and hardships and their determination and perseverance is a testament to the human spirit and their fortitude, dignity, and majesty; and

**Whereas**, A growing number of Richmond and Virginia residents are of Indigenous descent; and

**Whereas**, In 2019, in order to honor Indigenous Peoples living in our community and acknowledge the City of Richmond being founded and built upon lands of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, Mayor Levar M. Stoney proclaimed and began recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, which was followed in 2020 by former Virginia Governor Ralph Northam proclaiming it on behalf of Virginia, and in 2021 by President Joe Biden on behalf of our Nation; and

**Whereas**, Richmond has great respect and veneration for Indigenous Peoples and their resolve and cultural vibrancy and for the important roles and tremendous contributions they have made with distinction and honor throughout history and continue to make in public service, scholarship, arts, industry, and countless other fields of human endeavor that are integral to the enduring progressive moral arc of our society, humanity, and universe;

**Now, Therefore**, With the deepest respect, honor, and reverence on behalf of Richmond's first residents, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby jointly and officially proclaim, establish and recognize the second Monday in October annually, to be known as **Richmond Indigenous Peoples' Day**, in perpetuity, in continuing to help build a more inclusive and equitable city and encouraging a more complete historical narrative of our collective history.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the tenth day of October, two thousand twenty-two, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-sixth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, and the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the independence of the 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  
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The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson  
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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 RECOGNITION AWARD

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### Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Iota Sigma Alumnae Chapter

**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 honor and celebrate Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and its Iota Sigma Alumni Chapter; and

**Whereas**, An historically African American Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., was founded on the Irvington campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 12, 1922, and became a national sorority on December 30, 1929; and

**Whereas**, Since that time, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., has grown significantly in size and reputation and currently includes more than 100,000 members and 500 undergraduate college/university chapters and individual local alumni chapters in the United States, U.S. Virgin Islands, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates; and

**Whereas**, Chartered in 1935, the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Iota Sigma Alumni Chapter has served locally to provide and promote sisterhood, scholarship, and service and assists in the advising of undergraduate membership of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Tau Chapter of Virginia Union University and the Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Virginia Commonwealth University; and

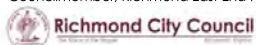
**Whereas**, Known and respected citywide, the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Iota Sigma Alumni Chapter engages in numerous social action projects and initiatives throughout the greater Richmond Area, which includes Operation Big Bookbag, Youth Symposium, and Project Reassurance, and additional community health, social awareness, and civic initiatives; and

**Whereas**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., collegiate and alumni members have a longstanding tradition of dedicated leadership throughout our community and across the world and are highly esteemed for their commitment to sisterhood, scholarship, and service;

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