

Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p>Richmond Department of Emergency Communications</p> <p>To be received by Richmond Department of Emergency Communications</p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications for its service to our community, and thank its dedicated staff for their ongoing commitment to helping make our city an even better, safer, and happier place to live, work, learn, love, play, visit, and raise a family.</p>	Cwm. Trammell
2	<p>Richmond Public Schools Thomas Jefferson High School Robotics Team</p> <p>To be received by Richmond Public Schools Thomas Jefferson High School Robotics Team</p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate the Richmond Public Schools Thomas Jefferson High School Robotics Team for their imagination, determination, and hard work; commend the students, teachers, administrators, coaches, mentors, advisors, sponsors, parents, caregivers, families, friends, supporters, and our community for each of their roles in helping make this possible; and, bring this worthy group to the attention of all Richmond residents for well-earned approbation, admiration, appreciation, and esteem.</p>	Cm. Addison
3	<p>Maggie L. Walker Day</p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION AWARD</p>	<p>To further recognize, honor, and celebrate the historic life, work, importance, and legacy of Mrs. Maggie Lena Draper Mitchell Walker, and once again re-proclaim her birthday, July 15, in perpetuity as Maggie L. Walker Day in Richmond, Virginia and call this observance to the attention of all our grateful residents.</p>	Cwm. Gray



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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 Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize the:

Richmond Department of Emergency Communications

Whereas, The Honorable Members of the 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 Richmond Department of Emergency Communications for its service to our community; and

Whereas, Operating in a nonstop crisis environment, the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications runs the Richmond 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center, which is ranked as the second busiest center in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

Whereas, Administering nearly half a million calls for assistance each year, the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications is staffed by more than 100 dedicated professionals who provide a human voice and assistance in critical times of need; and

Whereas, The Richmond Department of Emergency Communications manages telephone and other electronic public requests for emergency assistance regarding law enforcement, fire, medical, or other emergency services and dispatches appropriate public safety units accordingly; and

Whereas, The Richmond Department of Emergency Communications provides a critical human lifeline to residents, visitors, and officers in the field 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and serves as an important part of first response teams helping to save lives and protect property and the environment in response to crime, medical emergency, and/or natural and man-made emergency, disaster, or incident; and

Whereas, The Richmond Department of Emergency Communications operates specialized emergency response systems, alerting systems, Text Telephone (TTY), and Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) systems for people with auditory challenges; and

Whereas, As a sterling example of its high degree of excellence, professionalism, and quality, on May 4, 2019, the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications earned Public Safety Communications Accreditation status from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies; and

Whereas, Accreditation from the national nonprofit Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies is a voluntary process that helps improve services and requires rigorous organizational review and evaluation of necessary policy and procedural changes to meet the high standards established by the Commission; and

Whereas, Less than two percent of all emergency communications centers across the United States earn Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies;

Now, Therefore, The Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications for its service to our community, and thanks its dedicated staff members for their ongoing commitment to helping make our city an even better, safer, and happier place to live, work, learn, love, play, visit, and raise a family.

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

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

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

The Honorable Reva M. Trammell
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Richmond Public Schools Thomas Jefferson High School Robotics Team

Whereas, The Honorable Members of the 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 Richmond Public Schools Thomas Jefferson High School Robotics Team; and

Whereas, Established in 2009 by math teacher, Mr. John Stevens, and a committed group of intrepid students, the Richmond Public Schools Thomas Jefferson High School Robotics Team has grown over the years and currently includes more than two dozen 9th to 12th graders who - inspired by science, technology, engineering, math, and computer programming - describe themselves as "a diverse group of likeminded students looking to become tomorrow's technologists, problem solvers, and innovators"; and

Whereas, The team also includes the graciously provided collaborative efforts, support, assistance, guidance, and encouragement of generous teachers, coaches, mentors, and advisors who dedicate and donate their valuable time, talent, treasure, knowledge, skills, abilities, experience, and expertise on its behalf; and

Whereas, Additional support is provided by individual, organization, and business sponsors who assist with greatly needed financial donations for securing such essential items as: supplies, equipment, registration fees, motors, gears and pulley systems, travel expenses, pneumatics, optics, controllers, gearboxes, and sensors, among other vital provisions; and

Whereas, A key part of this student-led organization's purpose is participating in the annual For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition, a nonprofit engineering tournament for youth in grades 9-12 in which teams from across the world create, design, construct, and program robots to perform specific tasks and compete against each other; and

Whereas, As shining examples of their ongoing success, this year the Thomas Jefferson High School Robotics Team, with their robot "Rosie the Riveter", advanced through local, regional, and district competitions to participate in the international level 2019 FIRST Robotics Championship held in Detroit, Michigan in April 2019, which was the first time in the team's history to reach this high level;

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RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION 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 Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially proclaim:

Maggie L. Walker Day

Whereas, The Honorable Members of the Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to once again officially commemorate, honor and celebrate the historic life, work, importance, and legacy of Mrs. Maggie Lena Draper Mitchell Walker (July 15, 1864 - December 15, 1934); and

Whereas, Born in Richmond, Virginia on July 15, 1864, Mrs. Maggie Lena Walker was as a celebrated civic leader, teacher, banker, social activist, humanitarian, and entrepreneur; and

Whereas, Throughout her life, Mrs. Walker broke color and gender barriers of her time in creating and promoting social, racial, gender, and economic success on behalf of people of African American descent, especially for women and children; and

Whereas, Dedicated to community service, Mrs. Walker served critical roles in supporting, creating, and providing leadership for numerous civic organizations during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century, which included establishing the Juvenile Branch of the Independent Order of St. Luke, an African American fraternal society; and, co-founding the Richmond Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Council of Colored Women; and

Whereas, As further testament to her intellect, leadership, and fortitude, Mrs. Walker founded the St. Luke Emporium, a department store located on 112 E. Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia and was the first known woman of African American descent to establish and be president of a bank (St. Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond) in the United States of America; and

Whereas, In recognition of her significant accomplishments, success, and contributions, not only on behalf of Richmond but to the history of the United States of America, Mrs. Walker's former home, located on Leigh Street in Richmond's Jackson Ward Neighborhood, was designated as a National Historic Site and is managed and maintained by the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service; and

Whereas, In 2013 Richmond City Council officially proclaimed Mrs. Walker's birthday, July 15, to be Maggie L. Walker Day in Richmond, Virginia and has established it in perpetuity; and

Whereas, In further recognition of the immense significance of her historical importance, Richmond established the massively impressive Maggie L. Walker Public Art Project Statue and Plaza at Adams and Broad Streets, which was unveiled on July 15, 2017 in Richmond, Virginia;

Now, Therefore, In order to further recognize, honor, and celebrate the historic life, work, importance, and legacy of Mrs. Maggie Lena Draper Mitchell Walker, the Richmond City Council does hereby once again re-proclaim her birthday, July 15, in perpetuity as Maggie L. Walker Day in Richmond, Virginia and call this observance to the attention of all our grateful residents.

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