



Richmond City Council Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 13 March 2017**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Richmond Multiple Myeloma Cancer Awareness Month To be received by: Regina Leftwich Founding Member Greater Richmond Multiple Myeloma Support Group	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To help increase public awareness and support families, the medical community, and organizations in fighting, preventing and curing this terrible disease and, encourage early detection through screenings; research into causes, treatments and effective medical remedies; and, ultimately a cure for Multiple Myeloma Cancer.	Newbille Mayor
2	Richmond Tree Stewards To be received by: Louise Seals Richmond Tree Stewards	RICHMOND OFFICIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD	To recognize, honor and celebrate Richmond Tree Stewards for their service on behalf of Richmond residents, and thank the certified individuals and the organization for their work in helping to make Richmond an even better, healthier, and more beautiful place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.	Agelasto
3	Mr. Elijah Johnson To be received by: Mr. Elijah Johnson	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor and celebrate Mr. Johnson for coming to the aid of Ms. Brown; and, thank the law enforcement and emergency medical personnel for their service on behalf of this harrowing incident.	Addison Robertson



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 Multiple Myeloma Cancer Awareness Month

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 Multiple Myeloma Cancer to be a dreadful disease and a clear and present threat to the life, health and happiness of families in our community; and

Whereas, Multiple Myeloma Cancer is dreadful disease, so named because it can occur at multiple sites within the body, specifically in the plasma cells of bone marrow; and

Whereas, While Multiple Myeloma Cancer is rare, it is found to be the second most common blood cancer worldwide; and

Whereas, Due to its rarity, there can be delayed diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma Cancer, which can lead to delayed treatment; and

Whereas, While there have been important advancements over the last number of years, there is still no cure for Multiple Myeloma Cancer; and

Whereas, The devastating personal losses, costs and consequences for families as a result of this disease are tragic, profound and far-reaching; and

Whereas, Increased awareness, early detection and research into causes and treatments are critical for developing effective remedies and a cure for Multiple Myeloma Cancer; and

Whereas, In 2009, the International Myeloma Foundation declared the month of March to be Myeloma Awareness Month; and

Whereas, The Greater Richmond Multiple Myeloma Support Group began in January 2010 as an affiliate of the nonprofit International Myeloma Foundation, and helps support patients and families throughout the Richmond Area;

Now, Therefore, In order to help increase public awareness and support families, the medical community, and organizations in fighting, preventing and curing this terrible disease, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby jointly and officially proclaim the month of March to be **Richmond Multiple Myeloma Cancer Awareness Month** in Richmond, Virginia; and, encourage early detection through screenings; research into causes, treatments and effective medical remedies; and, ultimately a cure for Multiple Myeloma Cancer.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the thirteenth day of March, 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 Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District





Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL 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 officially recognize:

Richmond Tree Stewards

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 Richmond Tree Stewards for their service on behalf of Richmond residents.

Taking root in 2003 in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel that leveled thousands of trees throughout our city, Richmond Tree Stewards is an urban tree education and volunteer program shaped by Karl Pokorny, Urban Forestry Manager for the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities - Division of Urban Forestry and his wife, Rebecca, an urban-forestry graduate student.

Sprouting in January of 2004, Richmond Tree Stewards began with a class of 27 volunteers who, through a 12-session course, were trained in proper tree care in exchange for donating their time to help plant, prune and document the number and status of city trees. This program shifted during 2004-05 when the Division became the Richmond Department of Public Works - Division of Urban Forestry.

Experiencing renewed interest in 2007 by the Richmond Dept. of Public Works - Division of Urban Forestry, Richmond Tree Stewards has, since 2012, been a self-governing entity under the umbrella Enrichmond foundation, which supports parks and public spaces.

Training more than 250 arboreal enthusiasts since its inception, the current 10-week Richmond Tree Stewards class is respected as one of the best of its kind in the state and confers distinguished certified Richmond Tree Steward status on those completing coursework, passing a pruning exam and providing 20 volunteer hours (15 a year to maintain) assisting the Richmond Dept. of Public Works - Division of Urban Forestry on behalf of our Richmond Urban Forest stock of community-owned trees.

Earning a sterling reputation for their tremendous commitment, efforts, abilities and service, over the years, Richmond Tree Stewards, as certified individuals and an organization, have pruned or planted more than 10,000 city street and park trees and engaged in hundreds of community education activities and initiatives. Funded through donations and grants, Richmond Tree Stewards have provided thousands of volunteer hours valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One of our most valuable and precious natural resources, our city trees not only further beautify our city but are also estimated to save us millions of dollars a year by shading our streets and extending their need for road/street repair and maintenance from every 10 years to every 20-25. Our city trees can also reduce noise pollution by 50 percent and significantly reduce flooding, stormwater runoff, greenhouse gas, soil erosion and stream/river/water pollution.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate Richmond Tree Stewards for their service on behalf of Richmond residents, and thanks the certified individuals and the organization for their work in helping to make Richmond an even better, healthier, and more beautiful place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

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

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

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



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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. Elijah Johnson

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 and confirm public safety to be one of the most critical and important concerns for individuals living in or visiting a community; and

Whereas, Public safety is a responsibility shared by each of us through individual actions and behaviors and our shared observance and adherence to the practice, promise, and principals encompassed in the ideal, exercise and governance of the "rule of law"; and

Whereas, According to reports, at approximately midnight on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, two armed intruders broke into the Bellmeade Neighborhood apartment of Ms. Carmelita Brown, located in the Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District, and interrogated her at gunpoint in her bedroom; and

Whereas, Investigating the noise, house guest Mr. Elijah Johnson saw a weapon and came to the aid of Ms. Brown; and

Whereas, An honor roll student at Richmond Public Schools Huguenot High School and linebacker for its Falcons Boys Football Team, Mr. Johnson threw himself onto one of the intruders, but was ultimately shot a total of seven times, which included wounds in the stomach, chest, arm and leg; and

Whereas, Responding to calls for aid, the Richmond Police Department and Richmond Ambulance Authority quickly arrived on the scene to provide emergency medical response and to investigate, and Mr. Johnson was taken to and treated at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center;

Now, Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby recognize, honor and celebrate Mr. Elijah Johnson for coming to the aid of Ms. Brown; and, thank the law enforcement and emergency medical personnel for their service on behalf of this harrowing incident.

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Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

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

The Honorable Andreas D. Addison
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond West End 1st Voter District