



Richmond City Council Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 12 September 2016**

| # | TITLE/RECIPIENT | TYPE | SUMMARY/NARRATIVE | PRESENTER |
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| 1 | Richmond Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month To be received by: Ms. Nicole Lea China and Ms. Jasmine China Cells of Life: The Jasmine Cares Project | RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION | To further increase public awareness regarding Sickle Cell Disease and support individuals, families, the medical community and organizations supporting these efforts. | Mosby |

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

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| 2 | The Honorable Angela Edwards Roberts Judge, Supreme Court of Virginia - Thirteenth Judicial District - Richmond Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Presented July 29, 2016 | RICHMOND JOINT DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD | To recognize, honor, and celebrate Judge Roberts on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of service on the bench. | President Mayor |
| 3 | City of Saitama, Japan 22-Year Saitama and Richmond Sister City Junior Baseball Exchange Presented August 3, 2016 | RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT WELCOME | To officially welcome the Saitama, Japan Junior Baseball Team leaders, coaches, staff, members, and parents from the City of Saitama, Japan. | Newbille President Mayor |
| 4 | Richmond Breast Cancer Awareness Month Presented September 10, 2016 | RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION | To further increase public awareness and support individuals, families, the medical community and organizations. | Newbille |
| 5 | Richmond First Responder Appreciation Day Presented September 10, 2016 | RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION | To further recognize, honor and celebrate the incredible service and importance of all our dedicated First Responders. | Newbille |



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

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

Richmond Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month

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 declare Sickle Cell Disease to be a life threatening illness that is a clear and present danger to the life, health and happiness of children, women and men living in our community; and

Whereas, Sickle Cell Disease represents a group of inherited blood disorders that can lead to a number of severe and chronic complications, which include intense pain, heart attacks, infections, and significantly reducing an individual's life expectancy to about 40-60 years; and

Whereas, Sickle Cell Disease is the most common genetic blood disease found in the United States of America, affecting as many as 100,000 individuals in our country and millions more worldwide; and

Whereas, Sickle Cell Disease is found to primarily affect people of African ancestry and some of Mediterranean, Hispanic, Indian, and Middle Eastern descent; and

Whereas, Sickle Cell Disease is an hereditary blood disorder that leads to a tendency of red blood cells to, rather than be rounded and move easily through blood vessels, form into abnormally rigid and sticky cells that resemble a crescent shape similar to a curved farmer's tool called a sickle, which can get stuck and block blood flow and oxygen in the body; and

Whereas, Richmond City Council is a strong supporter, champion and advocate of the life, health and safety of all Richmond Residents and the devastating personal losses, costs and consequences to our community as a result of this disease are tragic, profound and far-reaching; and

Whereas, To increase awareness about this dreaded disease, in 1975 the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease began conducting month-long awareness events; and

Whereas, Sickle Cell Disease advocacy in Richmond include the pioneering work and lifelong dedication of Ms. Florence Neal Cooper-Smith who cofounded the Virginia Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Program at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia in 1972, and the recent efforts of Ms. Nicole Lea China and her daughter Ms. Jasmine China in creating the Cells of Life: The Jasmine Cares Project;

Now, Therefore, In order to help further increase public awareness and support individuals, families, the medical community and organizations; Richmond City Council does hereby officially proclaim the month of September to be **Richmond Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month** and encourages further research into early detection, causes, prevention, support and effective treatments.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on this twelfth day of September, two thousand sixteen, 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 Michelle E. Mosby
President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

The Honorable Chris A. Hillbert
Vice President, Richmond City Council
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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR DWIGHT C. JONES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND JOINT DISTINGUISHED 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 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 and officially recognize:

The Honorable Angela Edwards Roberts

Judge, Supreme Court of Virginia - Thirteenth Judicial District
Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

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 together in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor, and celebrate The Honorable Angela Edwards Roberts on the occasion of her retirement as a Judge for the Supreme Court of Virginia, Thirteenth Judicial District, Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Elected by the Virginia General Assembly in March of 1990 to serve as a Judge for the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Judge Angela Edwards Roberts became the first woman judge of African American descent to serve in Virginia.

A trailblazing historic figure, Judge Roberts has served 26 years on the bench and has earned a solid reputation for her effective judicial advocacy on behalf of children and families in Virginia and for her outstanding commitment to judicial services.

A constant pioneer and dedicated public servant, in 1982 Judge Roberts became the first woman of African American descent to serve as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Richmond and in 1988 she became the first to serve as Assistant Bar Counsel for the Virginia State Bar.

As further testament to her professional dedication, Judge Roberts serves as an active member of many organizations, which include national, state, local Bar Associations, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National and Virginia Associations of Women Judges.

A native of Caroline County, Virginia, Judge Roberts earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Virginia Tech, with honors, and her Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Emory University School of Law.

In America, public service is considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through her outstanding example, The Honorable Angela Edwards Roberts has proven her dedication to, and support of, the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation; in that our individual destinies and that of our families, community, city, state and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, investment, labor and dedication of all its residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

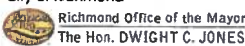
Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby officially bestow the Richmond Distinguished Public Service Award on The Honorable Angela Edwards Roberts for her many years of dedicated public service; and, thank her for helping make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, work, learn, love, play, visit and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this twenty-ninth day of July, two thousand sixteen, 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.

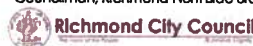
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT WELCOME

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 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 and officially recognize:

City of Saitama, Japan

22-Year Saitama and Richmond Sister City Junior Baseball Exchange

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 officially welcome the Saitama, Japan Junior Baseball Team leaders, coaches, staff, members, and parents from the City of Saitama, Japan.

Richmond is delighted and excited to once again join with the City of Saitama and the City of Saitama Junior Baseball Team in our longstanding and tremendously successful partnership as we come together to share and celebrate our two communities and establish even greater friendships and understanding between our residents.

Richmond is also proud to celebrate the important milestone of our 22-Year commitment to the Saitama, Japan and Richmond, Virginia Sister City Junior Baseball Exchange with the Richmond City Council Sister Cities Commission as we continue to grow the long and valued friendships between our two cities.

We hope Saitama, Japan Junior Baseball Team leaders, coaches, staff, members, and parents enjoy the full hospitality of our residents and the many historic and cultural amenities our city has to offer.

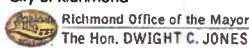
Richmond looks forward to a continued friendship and do hereby officially welcome Saitama, Japan Junior Baseball Team leaders, coaches, staff, members, and parents from the City of Saitama, Japan to the City of Richmond, Virginia in the United States of America.

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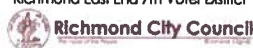
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By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially proclaim:

Richmond Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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 declare Breast Cancer to be a dreadful disease and a clear and present threat to the life, health and happiness of all families living in our community; and

Whereas, Breast Cancer is the most commonly diagnosed and second leading cause of Cancer death among women; and

Whereas, It is estimated that about one in eight women born today in our country will develop Breast Cancer at some point during their life; and

Whereas, It is estimated that each year more than 220,000 women living in the United States of America will be diagnosed and more than 40,000 will die due to Breast Cancer; and

Whereas, It is estimated that each year more than 2,000 men living in the United States of America will be diagnosed and more than 400 will die due to Breast Cancer; and

Whereas, The devastating personal losses, costs and consequences to our residents, families, neighbors and community as a result of this disease are tragic, profound and far-reaching; and

Whereas, As an effort to bring awareness about this dreaded disease, a National Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in 1985 as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and a pharmaceutical company; and

Whereas, Increased awareness, funding and research into early detection, causes, prevention, and treatments are critical for helping to prevent deaths and to developing effective treatments and a cure for Breast Cancer;

Now, Therefore, In order to further increase public awareness and support individuals, families, the medical community and organizations in helping to detect, prevent, fight and cure this disease; Richmond City Council does hereby officially proclaim the month of October to be **Richmond Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and encourages further research into early detection, causes, prevention, effective treatments and a cure for Breast Cancer.

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Richmond First Responder Appreciation Day

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 declare First Responders to be vital to the life, health, safety and success of all Richmond Residents and those visiting our beautiful and historic city; and

Whereas, Our First Responders represent highly trained and dedicated professionals comprised of a tremendous number of critically important administrative, operational and front line personnel who, in the early stages of an incident, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment; and

Whereas, A community of effort, First Responders include federal, state and local government and nongovernmental emergency public safety, fire, law enforcement, public health, clinical care, emergency communications, emergency management, public information, emergency medical services, hospital emergency facilities, public works, search and rescue, and other related personnel, departments, offices, agencies and authorities that provide immediate support services concerning prevention, response, and recovery operations; and

Whereas, This comprehensive cadre of career and volunteer personnel delivers 24-hour a day, seven day a week vigilance, action, security and sanctuary regarding emergency incidents, natural and manmade disasters, and criminal activity that threaten our community; and

Whereas, In America, public and community service is considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through their outstanding example, First Responders prove their dedication to, and support of, the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation; in that our individual destinies and that of our families, community, city, state and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, investment, labor and dedication of all its residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise;

Now, Therefore, In order to further recognize, honor and celebrate the incredible necessity, service and importance of all our dedicated First Responders, Richmond City Council does hereby officially proclaim August 27 to be **Richmond First Responder Appreciation Day**; and, thanks all departments, offices, agencies, authorities, personnel, and individuals providing emergency response for helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

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