



Richmond City Council Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 14 December 2015**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	SPONSOR/S
1	<p>ON BEHALF OF Ms. Alicia Charlene Rasin <i>(December 28, 1952 - October 9, 2015)</i></p> <p>To be received by Family</p>	<p>RICHMOND AWARD OF HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, celebrate and remember the important life, works and memory of the late Ms. Alicia Charlene Rasin; and, bring this to the attention of all our grateful residents.</p>	<p>Newbille</p>

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2	<p>Richmond Transgender Day of Remembrance</p> <p>Presented November 20, 2015</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</p>	<p>To proclaim November 20, 2015 as Richmond Transgender Day of Remembrance and invite and encourage the entire Richmond community to join together on behalf of the rights of all people.</p>	<p>Newbille Mayor</p>
3	<p>Richmond Adoption Awareness Day</p> <p>Presented November 21, 2015</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</p>	<p>To proclaim November 21, 2015 as Richmond Adoption Awareness Day; thank our community's foster parents; adoptive parents; state and local government departments; non-profit organizations; and, individuals who serve our children - and for all to join in helping raise awareness about the importance of adoption.</p>	<p>Samuels</p>

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4	<p>Richmond Community Thanksgiving Feast</p> <p>Presented November 26, 2015</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize the Giving Heart organization for 10 years of coordination of the Richmond Community Thanksgiving Feast that was established/first held in 1999 by the Family of Friends organization to provide a free, fun and festive Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors/entire community to come together, visit and share a meal. This year marks the 17th time the event has been held.</p>	<p>Mosby</p>
5	<p>Richmond World AIDS Day Coalition</p> <p>Presented December 1, 2015</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor and celebrate the Richmond World AIDS Day Coalition and thank its dedicated member organizations for their work in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.</p>	<p>Baliles</p>
6	<p>Pastor Melvin F. Shearin II Great Hope Baptist Church</p> <p>Presented December 5, 2015</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION</p>	<p>To officially recognize, honor and celebrate Pastor Melvin F. Shearin II on the auspicious, momentous, and historic occasion of his official installation as the Pastor of Great Hope Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.</p>	<p>Mosby</p>

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7	<p>Richmond Computer Science Education Week</p> <p>Presented at a Richmond City Council Special Meeting held at the Science Museum of Virginia December 7, 2015</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION</p>	<p>In order to help further promote and celebrate the critical importance of Computer Science education and training, and in the spirit of the occasion, Richmond City Council declared itself the Richmond Jedi Council; named Richmond the Computer Science Capital of the Virginia Digital Dominion; and, proclaimed the week of December 7-13, 2015 to be Richmond Computer Science Education Week.</p>	<p>President</p>



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND AWARD OF HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

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 remember:

Ms. Alicia Charlene Rasin

(December 28, 1952 - October 9, 2015)

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 recognize, honor, celebrate and remember the important life, works and memory of the late Ms. Alicia Charlene Rasin *(December 28, 1952 - October 9, 2015)*.

A lifelong resident of the historic Church Hill Neighborhood in the Richmond East End 7th Voter District, Ms. Alicia Charlene Rasin graduated from Richmond Public Schools John F. Kennedy High School and Virginia State University.

A longtime advocate and spokesperson on behalf of anti-crime efforts and crime victims, Ms. Rasin was an important leader and stalwart voice in our community for more than 25 years. During that time, Ms. Rasin provided kindness, comfort and compassion for those suffering the loss of loved ones and helped fight crime and heal neighborhoods facing adversity.

As testament to her dedication, in the mid 1990's Ms. Rasin founded an organization named Citizens Against Crime to help organize efforts to assist residents and law enforcement with reducing crime in Richmond. In 1994, then Mayor Leonidas Young, recognized Ms. Rasin as Richmond Volunteer of the Year and dubbed her a Richmond Ambassador of Compassion.

In America, public and community service is considered to be among the most important and noble work a person can do and, through her outstanding example, Ms. Alicia C. Rasin proved 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, communities, 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.

In order to memorialize her service, on November 9, 2015 Richmond City Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2015-231-224 that designates the street block on which Ms. Rasin lived, at 1900 Block of Princess Anne Avenue in Richmond, Virginia, in her honor and directed the official installation of a commemorative sign to be placed thereof.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor, celebrate and remember the important life, works and memory of the late Ms. Alicia Charlene Rasin; and, brings this to the attention of all our grateful residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this fourteenth day of December, two thousand fifteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby
President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

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



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR DWIGHT C. JONES

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 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 proclaim:

Richmond Transgender Day of Remembrance

Whereas, 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 recognize, honor and celebrate the diversity, shared humanity and civil rights of our entire community and all its residents; and

Whereas, The safety and wellbeing of all individuals is critical to the foundation of a thriving progressive society and serves as the measure of its viability; and

Whereas, People who may or may not self-identify as transgender, which includes those who are transsexual, crossdressers, or otherwise gender-variant, are too often victims of violence based on bias against people who are transgender; and

Whereas, The creation of a Transgender Day of Remembrance had its beginnings in the city of San Francisco, California in 1999 as a candlelight vigil memorializing the death of Rita Hester whose murder, on November 28, 1998, was understood to have been due to anti-transgender intolerance; and

Whereas, Each of us should be able to live without the fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence or hatred; and

Whereas, Embracing our individual identities and commonalities as Americans helps to further bring people together and drive the development and progress of society; and

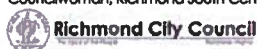
Whereas, The history of the world has shown that continued human progress has been built on a foundation of inclusiveness and acceptance; and

Whereas, Embracing our differences helps to fulfill the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation, in that our destinies and that of individuals, families and communities include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but the actuation of unalienable rights for all our residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise;

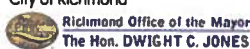
Now Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby officially proclaim the day of November 20, 2015 to be **Richmond Transgender Day of Remembrance** and invite and encourage the entire Richmond community to join together on behalf of the rights of all people.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this twentieth of November, two thousand fifteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

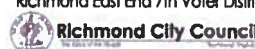
The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby
President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District



The Honorable Dwight C. Jones
Mayor
City of Richmond



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





RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR DWIGHT C. JONES

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 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 proclaim:

Richmond Adoption Awareness Day

Whereas, 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 declare and affirm that one of our community's foremost and most important responsibilities is the health and well-being of our children; and

Whereas, Children are one of our community's most precious resources and they deserve the care, security and stability of a permanent loving family unit to teach, support, guide, encourage, love, protect, nurture and prepare them for happy, healthy, productive and successful lives; and

Whereas, There are many children in Richmond living in foster care, with a number of them awaiting permanent, loving "forever" families; and

Whereas, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones stand together in commending praising and venerating the many dedicated and compassionate foster parents; adoptive parents; state and local government departments; nonprofit organizations; and, individuals serving on a daily basis on behalf of our children in Richmond; and

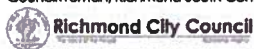
Whereas, The Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court serves as a sterling example of an entity that has proven to be a leader in helping raise awareness about the needs of children in foster care and celebrating families that adopt; and

Whereas, A National Adoption Day was created in 2000 by a group of nonprofit organizations in the United States of America to be held each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving in order to increase awareness regarding the needs of children in foster care and for more foster and adoptive parents;

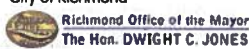
Now Therefore, In commemoration of National Adoption Day and to promote public awareness regarding the need for adoptive parents, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby officially proclaim November 21, 2015 to be **Richmond Adoption Awareness Day**; thank our community's foster parents; adoptive parents; state and local government departments; nonprofit organizations; and, individuals who serve our children; and, call this observance to the attention of all Richmond residents so that they may join in helping raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this twenty-first of November, two thousand fifteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

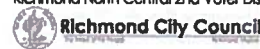
The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby
President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District



The Honorable Dwight C. Jones
Mayor
City of Richmond



The Honorable Charles R. Samuels
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond North Central 2nd 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 recognize the:

Richmond Community Thanksgiving Feast

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 recognize, honor and celebrate the Richmond Community Thanksgiving Feast.

Established in 1999 by the Family of Friends organization, which was formed to produce this event by a coalition of local Richmond restaurateurs and like minded individuals, the Richmond Community Thanksgiving Feast was created to provide a free, fun and festive Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors and the entire community to come together, visit and share a meal.

Run by volunteers and funded by donations, the Richmond Community Thanksgiving Feast is a tremendously successful annual event held on Thanksgiving at the Greater Richmond Convention Center that hosts and provides free Thanksgiving meals to thousands of individuals and families of all ages and walks of life.

A result of many dedicated individuals, organizations, entities and supporters over the years, in 2005 the reins of the event were passed to the nonprofit Giving Heart organization, which has produced the event since that time.

A tremendous undertaking, each year's event represents many months of hard work and hundreds of hours of planning, preparation, organization, management and production. This includes fundraising; public information and community outreach; in-kind donations, logistics; and, the raising, coordination and management of hundreds of community volunteers.

Celebrating its 10th year coordinating the Richmond Community Thanksgiving Feast, the Giving Heart is to be commended on its dedication to this event and our community.

Richmond City Council is a strong supporter, champion and advocate of the life, health and safety of all Richmond Residents and is proud to honor and recognize those events, organizations, individuals and entities assisting them.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor and celebrate the Richmond Community Thanksgiving Feast; and thanks the Giving Heart organization for their 10 years of coordination and for helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this twenty-sixth day of November, two thousand fifteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby
President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

The Honorable Chris A. Hillbert
Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd 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 recognize the:

Richmond World AIDS Day Coalition

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 recognize, honor and celebrate the Richmond World AIDS Day Coalition.

Founded in Richmond in 2012, the Richmond World AIDS Day Coalition represents a number of dedicated Richmond-area organizations that have come together to form a working partnership to help maximize local efforts related to issues affecting our community regarding HIV/AIDS. Its goal is to help make the Greater Richmond Area become more involved and aware of the effects this disease is having in our area and around the world.

Thinking globally and acting locally, the naming of the Richmond World AIDS Day Coalition references the spirit of the annual World AIDS Day observance, which, as part of its global work, the World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS established World AIDS Day in 1998 to be observed on December first of each year to raise awareness about the deadly disease.

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and tragically affects the lives of so many people in our community. There is currently no known cure for AIDS and HIV, which takes the lives of men, women and children in significant domestic and international proportions. HIV/AIDS is particularly devastating to the African American community and has ranked as one of the leading killers of African American men and women, ages 25-44.

The overwhelming personal losses, costs and consequences to our families and community as a result of this disease are tragic, profound and far-reaching and reconfirm the important work confronting each of us in the need for funding, research, support, awareness, treatment, education, understanding and finding a cure for HIV/AIDS.

Richmond City Council is a strong supporter, champion and advocate of the life, health and happiness of all Richmond Residents and is proud to honor and recognize those important events, organizations, individuals and entities assisting them.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor and celebrate the Richmond World AIDS Day Coalition and thanks its dedicated member organizations for their work in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this first day of December, two thousand fifteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby
President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

The Honorable Jonathan T. Baliles
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond West End 1st Voter District



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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 recognize:

Pastor Melvin F. Shearin II

Great Hope Baptist Church

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 recognize, honor and celebrate Pastor Melvin F. Shearin II on the auspicious, momentous, and historic occasion of his official installation as the Pastor of Great Hope Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Known as a man of faith, leadership and inspiration, Pastor Melvin Shearin II has been recognized for his dedication and numerous works and initiatives during his life. As the leader of Great Hope Baptist Church, Pastor Shearin will provide religious guidance, spiritual support and leadership on behalf of the many Church programs and services it delivers, which include Music, Youth, Women, Men, and Missionary Ministries.

Located at 2101 Venable Street, Great Hope Baptist Church traces its organizational beginnings back to November 14, 1943. On January 22, 1944 a church building was purchased and by June of that year the Church was formally established by its members as Great Hope Baptist Church. On March 1, 1954 Great Hope Baptist Church moved to its current location at 2101 Venable Street.

Known for the dedication of its members, Great Hope Baptist Church has grown over time and its dedicated congregation has continued to provide and expand many of its church programs and services on behalf of its members and the community.

Pastor Melvin Shearin is commended for his leadership, commitment and service to his church and our community on behalf of his calling and is wished much success.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor and celebrate Pastor Melvin F. Shearin II on the auspicious, momentous, and historic occasion of his official installation as the Pastor of Great Hope Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia; and, brings this to the attention of all Richmond Residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this fifth day of December, two thousand fifteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby
President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

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



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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 proclaim:

Richmond Computer Science Education Week

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 affirm the vital importance of computers and information technology on behalf of our community; and

Whereas, In our modern civilization, we use, are served by, benefit from and rely on the tremendous capacities, capabilities and applications that computers and information technology offer; and

Whereas, Affecting nearly every aspect of our daily lives, computer technology impacts everyone and every sector of our society in helping provide and improve the availability and quality of such critically essential and fundamental things as food, healthcare, clothing, jobs, housing, transportation, public safety, sanitation, clean municipal water and communications; and

Whereas, An importance that cannot be overstated, computer technology plays a leading role in the status, structure and stability of our state, local, national and world economies and in helping establish breakthroughs and innovations for such crucial things as life-saving medicines and renewable energy; and

Whereas, A branch of Engineering, Computer Science has been used to describe the theoretical study and practical use of computerization, including hardware, software, design and information technology; and

Whereas, Computer Science is a field that requires the intelligence, education and training of many people performing many different jobs and roles; and

Whereas, Understanding the vital need to fill these positions, in 2009 the Association for Computing Machinery and public and private sector partners established a Computer Science Education Week to help increase the awareness of the importance of computer science education at all levels; and

Whereas, The week selected was chosen to coincide with the birthday of former U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Grace Brewster Murray Hopper who was born on December 9, 1906 (died January 1, 1992); and

Whereas, Recognized as one of the first women programmers in modern Computer Science, Admiral Hopper is credited with work that helped build the foundation for many advancements in the field; and

Whereas, As a promotional component of the weeklong celebration, in 2013 an "Hour of Code" event was adopted as an activity to help promote Computer Science Education Week; and

Whereas, This year's promotion includes a Star Wars movie theme, which includes and was made possible by the use of Computer Science technology;

Now, Therefore, In order to help further promote and celebrate the critical importance of Computer Science education and training, and in the spirit of the occasion, Richmond City Council does hereby declare itself the Richmond Jedi Council; name Richmond the Computer Science Capital of the Virginia Digital Dominion; and, proclaim the week of December 7-13, 2015 to be Richmond Computer Science Education Week.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this seventh day of December, two thousand fifteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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President, Richmond City Council
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