

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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Awards & Proclamations officially presented on behalf of the institution of Richmond City Council

Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

| # | TITLE/PRESENTED TO | TYPE | SUMMARY/NARRATIVE | MAIN PRESENTER |
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| 1 | <p>Richmond Public Safety Appreciation Week</p> <p>Presented to/Received by: Public Safety Personnel</p> | <p>Council-Mayor Joint Proclamation</p> | <p>To honor and celebrate Public Safety personnel in Richmond; proclaim and establish Richmond Public Safety Appreciation Week, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; and, thank all those on the front lines and behind the scenes helping make our city an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.</p> | <p>Council 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 Public Safety Appreciation Week

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 solidarity and common purpose to declare and affirm Public Safety to be vital to the lives, equity, well-being, sustainability, and happiness of Richmond residents and visitors and to the ongoing success of our vibrant thriving community; and

Whereas, Public Safety services aid in providing a shield, lifeline, and sense of security that enable us to go about our day in relative peace, with the general comfort of knowing that safeguards are in place for helping to protect our lives, property, and the environment from crime, injury, medical emergency, natural or man-made disaster, and/or other potential dangers and threats; and

Whereas, In Richmond, Public Safety is delivered through essential city departments, programs, initiatives, and activities, which include, but are not limited to, the Richmond Police Department, Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Richmond Department of Emergency Communications, and the Richmond Department of Justice Services; and

Whereas, Public Safety is also provided in our city by the state constitutional offices of the Richmond Office of the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorney and the Commonwealth of Virginia - Richmond Office of the Sheriff, the independent Richmond Ambulance Authority, and other regional, state, local, and federal public safety entities; and

Whereas, Public Safety work, while rewarding, can also be a challenging, demanding, life-threatening, and hazardous undertaking, and such concerns are exponentially heightened during civil unrest, disaster, and pandemics (like COVID-19), in which personnel are called upon and sometimes placed at risk and in harm's way on behalf of the public good; and

Whereas, Critical to the provision and operation of Public Safety services in Richmond are the hundreds of highly dedicated personnel working on the front lines and behind the scenes that provide their professionalism, institutional knowledge, experience, time, talent, skills, and abilities on behalf of the ongoing vigilance, planning, support, and delivery of Public Safety services; and

Whereas, Answering the call to service in Richmond, Public Safety personnel and the entities they represent continually earn distinction, esteem, and the highest respect of Richmond residents and visitors for their hard work, diligence, and excellence beyond the call of duty, 24 hours a day;

Now, Therefore, In recognition and celebration of Public Safety personnel, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially proclaim and establish the last seven day standard work week of July annually, to be **Richmond Public Safety Appreciation Week**, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia, and thank all those on the front lines and behind the scenes helping make our city an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-fifth day of July, two thousand twenty-two, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-fifth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-sixth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and 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
City of Richmond



The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District

