

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: Monday, July 27, 2026 Updated 7.24.2026/954hrs./srs

Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Richmond Black Business Month	COUNCIL-MAYOR JOINT RICHMOND RECOGNITION	To recognize Black Business Month and celebrate the month of August as Richmond Black Business Month.	President Mayor



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR of RICHMOND

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

RICHMOND COUNCIL-MAYOR JOINT 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 Mayor of Richmond and Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia in the United States of America, do hereby and officially recognize:

Richmond Black Business Month

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, and the Mayor of Richmond, in the United States of America, recognize, honor and celebrate that black-owned businesses have long been a cornerstone of our city's economic vitality, innovation, cultural heritage, and entrepreneurial spirit; and

Whereas, Richmond is home to historic Jackson Ward Neighborhood, nationally recognized as the "Black Wall Street of the South," and for the enduring legacy of Ms. Maggie Lena Walker, whose leadership established opportunities for economic independence that continue to impact and inspire generations; and

Whereas, Black-owned businesses stimulate neighborhood revitalization, foster innovation, create jobs, and contribute significantly to the economic resilience and prosperity of the City of Richmond, its residents, and visitors; and

Whereas, Richmond is committed to fostering an inclusive economy by expanding opportunities for minority-owned businesses through equitable access to procurement, capital, technical assistance, entrepreneurial education, and strategic partnerships; and

Whereas, Working diligently on behalf of that commitment, the Richmond Office of Minority Business Development serves as our City's flagship agency for supporting the growth, sustainability, and competitiveness of minority-owned businesses through capacity building, procurement readiness, business development services, and collaborative partnerships; and

Whereas, In 2004, historian John William Templeton and engineer Frederick E. Jordan Sr. created and established the month of August annually as Black Business Month to recognize Black-owned businesses and the unique challenges faced by minority business owners, and to celebrate the resilience of the Black community;

Now, Therefore, In recognition of Black Business Month and Black-owned businesses, Mayor Danny Avula and Richmond City Council do hereby officially recognize and celebrate the month of August as **Richmond Black Business Month**, in perpetuity, in the City of Richmond, Virginia and bring this to the attention of all its residents.

In Witness Whereof, this has hereunto been established for official presentation on this twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand twenty-six, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-ninth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fifty-first 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 Danny Avula
Mayor
City of Richmond



The Honorable Nicole Jones
Councilmember, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

