

# Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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## Richmond City Council recognizes/celebrates the following:

#	Being Recognized/Summary
1	<p><b>Richmond Code Enforcement Agents of the Richmond Department of Planning and Development Review - Division of Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement</b></p> <p>Richmond City Council and Mayor Stoney celebrate our City's dedicated Code Enforcements Agents this May, during National Building Safety Month.</p> <p>Known as the "First Preventers", Richmond's Code Enforcement Agents serve as a first line of defense in helping keep our families, children, coworkers, friends, loved ones, and visitors safe in schools, homes, workplaces, and in the many places we gather together.</p> <p>Richmond strives to have highest levels of safety and quality in the construction and maintenance being done within its city limits and thanks our Code Enforcement Agents who oversee such building, mechanical, electrical, fire prevention, and plumbing projects on behalf of all our residents.</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Richmond Code Enforcement Agents of the Richmond Department of Planning and Development Review - Division of Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement</p>

## The following Richmond City Council Formal Awards/Proclamations were written, prepared, produced, packaged, and provided for presentation in the community, as indicated below.

1	<p><b>Richmond's First Police Officers of African American Descent Day</b></p> <p><b>Presented</b>                      Provided for presentation in the community at event: <i>Honoring Those Who Paved the Way</i>, produced by Engine Company #9 &amp; Associates</p> <p><b>On May 5, 2024</b></p>	<p>Richmond City Council Official Proclamation</p>	<p>In recognition of the anniversary of the Richmond Police Department hiring the first City Police Officers of African American Descent - on May 1, 1946 and the first woman Richmond Police Officer of African American decent on December 16, 1948, Richmond City Council proclaimed May 1 to be <b>Richmond's First Police Officers of African American Descent Day</b>, on behalf of all genders; and, celebrates this chapter in the advancement of our city's historically progressive narrative arc on behalf of all its residents.</p>	<p>Newbille</p>
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# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL 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, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially proclaim:

# Richmond's First Police Officers of African American Descent Day

May 1

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, has officially recognized, honored, and commemorated May 1 as the Richmond Anniversary of Hiring the First Richmond Police Officers of African American descent; and

**Whereas**, on May 1, 1946, the Richmond Police Department took a leadership role on behalf of service, equality, and social justice when it hired four male police officers of African American descent, which was a first for the city against the backdrop of a racially segregated society at the time; and

**Whereas**, The first four male Richmond Police Officers of African American descent hired in the city were Howard T. Braxton, Doctor P. Day, Frank S. Randolph, and John W. Vann and were assigned to serve at the Richmond Police Department - First Police Precinct, then located at the corner of Smith and Marshall Streets; and

**Whereas**, Soon after, Ruth B. Blair was hired as the first woman Richmond Police Officer of African American descent on December 16, 1948, further paving the way for even greater diversity, gender equality, and inclusion within the police force; and

**Whereas**, Those pioneering efforts are a tribute to the progress of the Richmond Police Department, Richmond residents, and to the individual and collective dedication, determination, efforts, and achievement of each of these trailblazing officers; and

**Whereas**, Essential to the safety and security of all Richmond residents and visitors is the vital role the Richmond Police Department serves in hiring, staffing, recruiting, and retaining highly knowledgeable, skilled, experienced, and able professional law enforcement officers and support personnel; and

**Whereas**, Richmond Police Officers and support personnel serve with honor and fortitude in delivery of their duty, which, due to the exceptional nature of their work, puts them in harm's way; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council commemorated May 1, in 2016 and 2019, and 2021, as the Richmond Anniversary of Hiring the First City Police Officers of African American Descent;

**Now, Therefore**, In veneration, recognition, and commemoration of the first Richmond Police Officers of African American descent, Richmond City Council does hereby officially proclaim and establish the day of May 1 to be **Richmond's First Police Officers of African American Descent Day**, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia on behalf of all genders; and, celebrates this chapter in the advancement of our city's historically progressive narrative arc on behalf of all its residents.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was respectfully prepared and hereunto established for effectuation on behalf of the residents of Richmond on the first day of May, two thousand twenty-four, in the two hundred eighty-seventh year of the City of Richmond, founded in 1737, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia, established in 1776, and the United States of America.

The Honorable Kristen M. Nye  
Council President, Richmond City Council  
Councilmember, Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District

The Honorable Ann Frances Lambert  
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council  
Councilmember, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille  
Councilmember, Richmond City Council  
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