

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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

Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p>Richmond Public Library</p> <p>To be received by/ on behalf of: Scott Firestine, Director, Richmond Public Library</p>	<p>Richmond City Council And Mayor Levar M. Stoney</p> <p>Richmond Official Joint Recognition Award</p>	<p>To celebrate the Richmond Public Library on its 100th Anniversary and thank it's Library Director, Administrators, Librarians, Staff, and Members of all its Boards and Association and encourage everyone to visit and enjoy the books, services, and programs available to them at their public library.</p>	President Mayor
2	<p>Richmond Armstrong-Walker Classic Weekend</p> <p>To be received by/ on behalf of: Greta Randolph Dr. Howard Hopkins Richmond Armstrong-Walker Classic Weekend Project</p>	<p>Richmond City Council And Mayor Levar M. Stoney</p> <p>Richmond Official Joint Recognition Award</p>	<p>To celebrate Richmond Armstrong-Walker Classic Weekend activities, establish the weekend following Thanksgiving in November annually to be Richmond Armstrong-Walker Classic Weekend, and invite all Richmond residents to embrace and enjoy this time and the activities held in its spirit promoting community comradery, unity, and togetherness.</p>	President Mayor
3	<p>Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Phi Chapter</p> <p>To be received by/ on behalf of: William Prentiss Brian K. Telfair, Esq. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Phi Chapter</p>	<p>Richmond City Council And Mayor Levar M. Stoney</p> <p>Richmond Official Joint Recognition Award</p>	<p>To celebrate Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Phi Chapter and recognize the work week that includes November 17 annually as its Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Phi Chapter Achievement Week and thanks its members for their commitment in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.</p>	President Mayor
4	<p>Joseph E. "Joey" Mathews</p> <p>To be received by/ on behalf of: Joseph E. "Joey" Mathews</p>	<p>Richmond Official Recognition Award</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate Joseph E. "Joey" Mathews for the care, commitment, and kind service he provides on behalf of our beloved Richmond community.</p>	Trammell



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY

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

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT 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 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 recognize:

Richmond Public Library

100th Anniversary

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 common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate the Richmond Public Library on the historic and auspicious occasion of it celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

Whereas, Responding to a fundamental public need, the Richmond Common Council adopted an Ordinance on November 6, 1922 to provide \$200,000 (\$3.5 million in current value) to establish a public free library, which was concurred to by the Richmond Board of Aldermen on November 14, 1922, and approved and signed into law by the Mayor on November 16, 2022; and

Whereas, Opened in a single building on October 13, 1924, the Richmond Public Library has grown over time in direct response to Richmond Residents and now includes nine branches that are located conveniently throughout Richmond; and

Whereas, Constantly evolving on behalf of community needs, the Richmond Public Library currently has more than 650,000 books, items, and materials available for checkout, and provides a whole host of services, that includes free internet access and community meeting spaces; and

Whereas, Some of the many programs the Richmond Public Library has provided include parenting and early childhood education; résumé writing; and, computer and Internet training; and

Whereas, As a strong testament to the outstanding services provided by the staff of the Richmond Public Library, our branch system typically hosts more than one million visitors a year who check out books; participate in programs; use computers and the internet; and, find jobs; and

Whereas, The Richmond Public Library is committed to providing empowerment centers within the community that offer access to employment; health and wellness; and, lifelong learning; and

Whereas, Dedicated professionals, Richmond Public Library Administrators, Librarians, and Staff serve as the backbone of our Richmond Public Library Branch System and are supported by the committed members of the Richmond Public Library Board of Directors, Richmond Public Library Foundation, Friends of the Richmond Public Library Association, and the Branch Library Boards;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby celebrate the Richmond Public Library on its 100th Anniversary and thank its Library Director, Administrators, Librarians, Staff, and members of all its Boards and Association and encourage everyone to visit and enjoy the books, services, and programs available to them at their public library.

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





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 Armstrong-Walker Classic Weekend

Richmond, Virginia

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 common purpose to warmly reminisce, remember, and celebrate the once annual Richmond Armstrong-Walker Football Classic game, held in Richmond from 1938 to 1978; and

Whereas, Begun on December 2, 1938 as a non-season pick-up football scrimmage between Richmond Public Schools - Armstrong High School and the newly established Maggie L. Walker High School (less than three months after opening), the Richmond Armstrong-Walker Football Classic, as it would later be known, became a much anticipated, celebrated, and heralded, annual Richmond community tradition for more than four decades; and

Whereas, Hosted in its early years on the campus of Virginia Union University at its Hovey Field stadium (which now ranks second only to Harvard University as the oldest college football stadium still in use in the United States), the Richmond Armstrong-Walker Football Classic was played each Thanksgiving weekend and, drawing larger and larger crowds, crowned its glorious run on November 25, 1978 in front of a record-breaking audience of an estimated 43,000 attendees at Richmond City Stadium; and

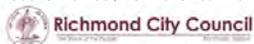
Whereas, Marking the end of a historic era, in the late 1970's Richmond Public Schools began consolidating its seven high schools at the time into three combined schools, bringing an end to then Armstrong High School and Maggie L. Walker High School, and to their respective (Wildcats and Green Dragons) Football Teams, and, lamentably, the Richmond Armstrong-Walker Football Classic; and

Whereas, In recent years, the memory of the Richmond Armstrong-Walker Football Classic has had a resurgence of interest and, in 2021, alumni of both schools created the Armstrong-Walker Classic Legacy Project as a way to honor, rekindle, and resurrect the spirit of the much loved event as an annual Richmond Armstrong-Walker Classic Weekend that would include community activities on the weekend following Thanksgiving;

Now, Therefore, In support and celebration of Richmond Armstrong-Walker Classic Weekend activities, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially proclaim and establish the weekend following Thanksgiving in November annually to be Richmond Armstrong-Walker Classic Weekend, in perpetuity, and invite all Richmond residents to embrace and enjoy this time and the activities held in its spirit promoting community camaraderie, unity, and togetherness.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the fourteenth day of November, two thousand twenty-two, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-sixth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, and the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the independence of the United States of America.

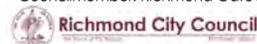
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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY

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

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT 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 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 recognize:

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. *Phi Phi Chapter*

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 common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and its Iota Phi Phi Chapter; and

Whereas, Established on November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. represents as the first international fraternal collegiate organization to be founded on the campus of a historically black college, Howard University, located in Washington, District of Columbia in the United States; and

Whereas, Since that time, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has grown significantly in size and reputation and currently includes thousands of college and alumni members and more than 700 undergraduate college/university chapters and individual graduate chapters worldwide; and

Whereas, In 1927, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. established the Phi Phi Chapter in Richmond, Virginia as a graduate chapter subdivision that extended brotherhood and service opportunities after college and currently assists with the advising of the undergraduate membership of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Chapter, located at Virginia Union University, in Richmond; and

Whereas, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Phi Chapter members have a solid tradition of leadership throughout our community and are highly esteemed for their dedication on behalf of community, brotherhood, and scholarship; and

Whereas, Earning great respect over its 95 years of service, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Phi Chapter engages in many important community service, social action projects, and initiatives throughout the greater Richmond Area, which include its Feeding 500 Program, Omega Stars youth mentoring program, volunteering and scholarship programs, and additional social awareness and civic initiatives;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby celebrate and honor the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Phi Chapter and recognize the work week that includes **November 17 annually as its Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Phi Chapter Achievement Week**, in perpetuity, and thanks its members for their commitment in helping to make Richmond an even better 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 fourteenth day of November, two thousand twenty-two, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-sixth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, and the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the independence of the United States of America.

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Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

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

Joseph E. "Joey" Mathews

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the official governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Joseph E. "Joey" Mathews for the care, commitment, and kind service he provides on behalf of our beloved Richmond community; and

Whereas, Helping answer the call of those in need over the years, Mr. Mathews, a resident of the Richmond Southside 8th Voter District, has dedicated his time, talents, energy, and charitable giving to help others by coordinating volunteers and personally collecting, organizing, and delivering donated food, clothing, and other items on behalf of individuals and families across our region; and

Whereas, In America, community service is considered to be among some of the most noble and important work a person can do and, through his living example, Joseph E. "Joey" Mathews has proved a great devotion 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, labor, investment, and dedication of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council, does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Joseph E. "Joey" Mathews for the care, commitment, and kind service he provides on behalf of our beloved Richmond community; bestows upon him the Richmond City Council Community Recognition Award; and, thanks him for helping make Richmond an even better, and more caring and sharing, place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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

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

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
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Councilmember, Richmond City Council
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