



# Richmond City Council Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 26 June 2017**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER/S
1	<b>Maggie L. Walker Day</b>  To be received by: Mr. Melvin Jones Founder/President Founder and President of the Maggie L. Walker Statue Foundation President, National Richmond Public Schools Maggie L. Walker High School Alumni Association	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</b>	To recognize, honor and celebrate the life, work and importance of Mrs. Maggie Lena Draper Mitchell Walker, and re-proclaim her birthday, July 15, to be Maggie L. Walker Day in Richmond, Virginia.	<b>President Mayor</b>
2	<b>Richmond Open Government and Transparency Month</b>	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION</b>	To celebrate and support government transparency, openness and proclaim the month of July as Richmond Open Government and Transparency Month in Richmond, Virginia.	<b>Addison</b>



# 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 The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby and officially proclaim:*

### Maggie L. Walker Day

**Whereas**, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, 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 recognize, honor and celebrate the life, work and importance of Mrs. Maggie Lena Draper Mitchell Walker (July 15, 1864 - December 15, 1934); and

**Whereas**, Born in Richmond, Virginia on July 15, 1864, Mrs. Maggie Lena Walker was an African American civic leader, teacher, banker, social activist and entrepreneur; and

**Whereas**, Throughout her life, Mrs. Walker broke color and gender barriers of her time in creating and promoting social, racial, gender and economic success on behalf of African Americans and women; and

**Whereas**, Due to her outstanding dedication, leadership and fortitude, Mrs. Walker founded the St. Luke Emporium, a department store located on 112 E. Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia and was the first known woman of African American decent to establish and be president of a bank (St. Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond) in the United States of America; and

**Whereas**, As further testament to her local, state and national importance, throughout her life Mrs. Walker served critical roles in supporting, creating and providing leadership for numerous civic organizations during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century, which included establishing the Juvenile Branch of the Independent Order of St. Luke, an African American fraternal society; and, co-founding the Richmond Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Council of Colored Women; and

**Whereas**, In recognition of her significant accomplishments, success and contributions, not only on behalf of Richmond but to the history of the United States of America, Mrs. Walker's former home, located on Leigh Street in Richmond's Jackson Ward Neighborhood, was designated as an official U.S.A. National Historic Site and is managed and maintained by the United States of America Department of the Interior National Park Service; and

**Whereas**, In further recognition of her historical importance, the Maggie L. Walker Public Art Project was also established in Richmond, Virginia;

**Now, Therefore**, In order to further recognize, honor and celebrate the life, work and importance of Mrs. Maggie Lena Draper Mitchell Walker, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially re-proclaim her birthday, July 15, to be Maggie L. Walker Day in Richmond, Virginia and call this observance to the attention of all our grateful residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-sixth day of June, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-ninth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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



The Honorable Levar M. Stoney  
Mayor  
City of Richmond



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





# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

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### Richmond Open Government and Transparency Month

**Whereas**, The Honorable Members of 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 importance of government transparency, openness, and accountability; and

**Whereas**, Richmond residents deserve a government that reliably delivers core services in an efficient, effective, and accountable manner; and

**Whereas**, Richmond residents deserve a more transparent and open government that shares its service and operational data and related information; and

**Whereas**, the City is committed to becoming more efficient, effective, equitable, and accountable in addressing the pressing issues and challenges facing our growing communities; and

**Whereas**, decision-makers on Richmond City Council and in the City Administration need access to timely, accurate, and actionable information in order to make informed strategic decisions; and

**Whereas**, the City should utilize insights collected from data to continually improve business and operational processes; and

**Whereas**, the City's budget and spending shall be aligned with the results the Richmond City Council would like to achieve; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council is dedicated to making government, data, information, and records "open by preference"; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council confirms that access to public records and public meetings of public bodies where official business of residents is being conducted is vital to the ongoing success of building equitable access to government services, records, and information; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council embraces open-source and civic-focused technologies that are utilized by our highly-trained staff to utilize, manage, maintain its capacities to help create, implement and deliver solutions that increase the quality of life for all Richmond residents; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council has lead the way for open data in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2015 by establishing Section 42-14 of the Richmond Code of Laws, Chapter 42. Article I that created the Richmond City government payment register portal; and

**Whereas**, the City of Richmond was recognized as a pioneer for Open Data in the Commonwealth of Virginia and awarded a COVITS award in 2015 for the "Most Innovative Use of Open Data"; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council officially established the Richmond Open Data Policy in the Richmond City Code of Laws in 2016, as contained in Chapter 2. Article VII, Division 3, Section 2-1361-2.21366;

**Now, therefore**, in celebration and support of government transparency, and accountability, Richmond City Council does hereby proclaim the month of July as Richmond Open Government and Transparency Month in Richmond, Virginia and brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents.

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The Honorable Andreas D. Addison  
Councilman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond West End 1st Voter District