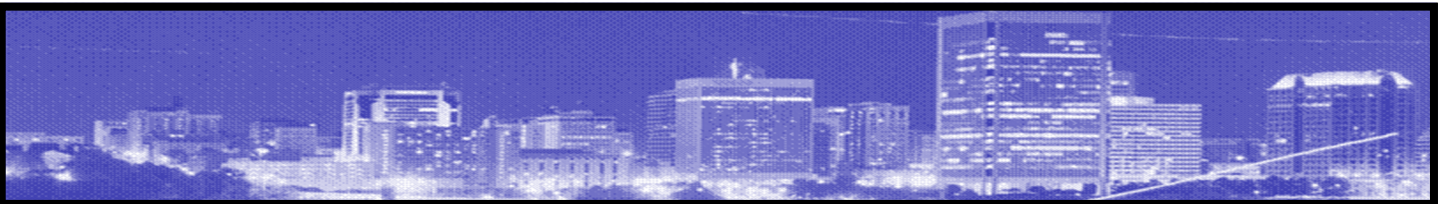


Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Richmond Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Month To be received by: Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities	Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney Joint Proclamation	To proclaim the month July to be Richmond Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Month and thank all Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities staff who provide the exceptional experience, expertise, management, hard work, planning, and professionalism in helping to make our city an even more vibrant, thriving, happy, and healthy place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.	PRESIDENT MAYOR



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 Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Month

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 affirm public parks, recreation, and community facilities to be critical and necessary for building, enjoying, and growing a vibrant, thriving, happy, and healthy community; and

Whereas, Established in 1737, Richmond is one of the most historic, beautiful, and culturally significant cities in our nation and, throughout its history, Richmond has been dedicated to faithfully and attentively protecting, preserving, and strengthening its public green spaces, parks, playgrounds, and recreational amenities on behalf of residents and visitors; and

Whereas, Securing, maintaining, and incorporating public green spaces and recreational services for an entire city is a substantial undertaking requiring constant vision, vigilance, planning, support, commitment, management, hard work, and resources; and

Whereas, Serving our community on behalf of the daily stewardship, operation, care, nurturing, and delivery of these vital life-affirming public assets, treasures, and services is the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities whose staff provides the exceptional experience, expertise, management, hard work, planning, and professionalism required to make it possible; and

Whereas, Committed to excellence, the dedicated staff of the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities oversee and care for more than 600 public recreation amenities; and

Whereas, Examples of our park system amenities include 33 parks and green spaces, 19 community centers 121 athletic and baseball/softball fields and basketball courts, 136 tennis courts, 77 playgrounds/tot lots, 10 public swimming pools, 14 lakes and river sites, two islands, 3 dog parks, the James River Park System, 24 Walking, Bike, and Exercise Trails, 6 cemeteries, and hundreds of after-school, senior, teen, and other educational, artistic, athletic and recreational programs and services provided throughout the year; and

Whereas, Earning a national reputation, Richmond's park system is ranked among the elite top 40 of the 100 largest U.S. cities for its public parks by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land organization, which notes that Richmond residents living in neighborhoods with the highest concentration of people of color have access to 215% more total park space than those in areas with the highest concentration of white residents; and

Whereas, Since 1985, parks and recreation personnel in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July, which was established by the National Recreation and Parks Association;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially proclaim the month July to be Richmond Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Month, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia and thank all the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities staff who provide the exceptional experience, expertise, management, hard work, planning, and professionalism in helping to make our city an even more vibrant, thriving, happy, and healthy place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was respectfully prepared and hereunto established for effectuation on behalf of the residents of Richmond on the twenty-fourth day of July, two thousand twenty-three, 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 Michael J. Jones
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond South Central 9th Voter



The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
Mayor
City of Richmond



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

