



# Richmond City Council Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 12 December 2016**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	PRESENTER
1.	<b>1781 Defense of Richmond Commemoration Day</b>  To be received by: Mr. Stephen J. Rossie	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION</b>	To celebrate Richmond militiamen that, 235 years ago, rose to defend the capital of Virginia during the United States Revolutionary War and proclaim January 4th as 1781 Defense of Richmond Commemoration Day.	Samuels

**The following Richmond City Council Formal Awards were presented in the community at a different date.**

2.	<b>Richmond Transgender Day of Remembrance</b>  Presented for event held November 20, 2016.	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</b>	To celebrate the diversity, shared humanity and civil rights of our community; proclaim November 20 to be Richmond Transgender Day of Remembrance; and, invite and encourage the entire Richmond community to join together on behalf of the rights of all people.	Newbille
3.	<b>Richmond Adoption Awareness Day</b>  Presented for event held November 19, 2016.	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</b>	To declare the health and well-being of our children as one of our community's most important responsibilities; proclaim Nov. 19 as Richmond Adoption Awareness Day; and, thank our community's foster parents, adoptive parents, state and local government Departments, nonprofit organizations, and individuals who serve our children.	Samuels



# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

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

### 1781 Defense of Richmond Commemoration Day

**Whereas**, 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 brave Richmond militiamen that, 235 years ago, rose to defend the capital of Virginia during the United States Revolutionary War against impossible odds; and

**Whereas**, On January 4, 1781, an invasion force of 1,600 British Army troops landed outside of Richmond at the Westover Plantation -- the family home of the descendants of William Byrd II, considered to be the founder of Richmond -- and began marching towards the city; and

**Whereas**, These British Army troops were lead by British Brigadier General Benedict Arnold on his first command as a British Loyalist, after having defected from the American Continental Army under the command of George Washington; and

**Whereas**, Only 200 militiamen were available to respond to Virginia Governor Thomas Jefferson's call to defend the entirety of Richmond and its surrounding outskirts from the encroaching invasion force; and

**Whereas**, These brave men under the command of Colonel John Nicholas, despite being outnumbered eight to one and lacking anything near the firepower, artillery and supplies of the invading enemy, engaged the British Army in what is now the western edge of the historic Richmond Fan District Neighborhood; and

**Whereas**, A sterling example of bravery in the face of impossible odds, the Richmond militiamen utilized unconventional tactics in their efforts to defend the city and, while Richmond was ultimately overwhelmed, occupied and burned by the superior forces, contributed significantly to the fight for American Independence from British rule;

**Now, Therefore**, In order to celebrate the role of the Richmond militiamen in the history of our great city, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our nation, Richmond City Council does hereby proclaim January 4th as **1781 Defense of Richmond Commemoration Day**; recognizes the historical significance of this battle to the American Revolutionary War and to the founding of a free and independent United States of America; and, encourages all Richmond Residents to learn about and appreciate the history that permeates the neighborhoods and thoroughfares throughout our beautiful and important city.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this twelfth day of December, two thousand sixteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred thirty-second year of the City of Richmond, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby  
President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

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

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The Honorable Charles R. Samuels  
Councilman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District



# RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR DWIGHT C. JONES

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 Dwight C. Jones, 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:*

### Richmond Transgender Day of Remembrance

**Whereas,** The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, 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 recognize, honor and celebrate the diversity, shared humanity and civil rights of our entire community and all its residents; and

**Whereas,** The safety and wellbeing of all individuals is critical to the foundation of a thriving progressive society and serves as the measure of its viability and success; and

**Whereas,** People who may or may not self-identify as transgender, which includes those who are transsexual, crossdressers, or otherwise gender-variant, are too often victims of violence based on bias against people who are transgender; and

**Whereas,** The creation of a Transgender Day of Remembrance had its beginnings in the city of San Francisco, California in 1999 as a candlelight vigil memorializing the death of Rita Hester, whose murder, on November 28, 1998, was understood to have been due to anti-transgender intolerance; and

**Whereas,** Each of us should be able to live without the fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence or hatred; and

**Whereas,** Embracing our individual identities and commonalities as Americans helps to further bring people together and drive the development and progress of society; and

**Whereas,** The history of the world has shown that continued human progress has been built on a foundation of inclusiveness and acceptance; and

**Whereas,** Embracing our differences helps to fulfill the principals and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, neighborhoods, and communities include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but the actuation of unalienable rights for all our residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise;

**Now Therefore,** Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby officially proclaim November 20 to be **Richmond Transgender Day of Remembrance** and invite and encourage the entire Richmond community to join together on behalf of the rights of all people.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twentieth day of November, two thousand sixteen, 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 Michelle R. Mosby  
President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District



**Richmond City Council**

The Honorable Dwight C. Jones  
Mayor  
City of Richmond



**Richmond Office of the Mayor**  
The Hon. DWIGHT C. JONES

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



**Richmond City Council**



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# Richmond Adoption Awareness Day

**Whereas,** The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, 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 declare and affirm that one of our community's foremost and most important responsibilities is the health and well-being of our children; and

**Whereas,** Children are one of our community's most precious resources and they deserve the care, security and stability of a permanent loving family unit to help teach, support, guide, encourage, love, protect, nurture and prepare them for happy, healthy, whole, productive and successful lives; and

**Whereas,** There are many children in Richmond living in foster care, with a number of them awaiting permanent, loving "forever" families; and

**Whereas,** Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones stand together in commending praising and venerating the many dedicated and compassionate foster parents; adoptive parents; state and local government departments; nonprofit organizations; and, individuals serving on a daily basis on behalf of our children in Richmond; and

**Whereas,** The Commonwealth of Virginia - Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court serves as a sterling example of proven leadership in assisting, supporting and helping raise awareness about the needs of children in foster care and celebrating families that adopt; and

**Whereas,** A National Adoption Day was created in 2000 by a group of nonprofit organizations in the United States of America to be held each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving in order to increase awareness regarding the needs of children in foster care and for more foster and adoptive parents;

**Now Therefore,** In commemoration of National Adoption Day and to promote public awareness regarding the need for adoptive parents, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby officially proclaim November 19, 2016 to be **Richmond Adoption Awareness Day**; thank our community's foster parents, adoptive parents, state and local government Departments, nonprofit organizations, and individuals who serve our children; and, call this observance to the attention of all Richmond residents so that they may join in helping raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

*In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the nineteenth day of November, two thousand sixteen, 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 Michelle R. Mosby  
President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District



The Honorable Dwight C. Jones  
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The Honorable Charles R. Samuels  
Councilman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District

