

# Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p><b>Richmond Older Residents Month</b></p> <p>To be received by: Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging and Richmond Office of Aging and Persons with Disabilities</p>	<p><b>Richmond City Council Richmond Proclamation Award</b></p>	<p>To re-proclaim the month of May to be Richmond Older Residents Month in Richmond, Virginia in perpetuity in recognizing residents aged 55 and older and thanking them for helping to make our city an even better, place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.</p>	<p><b>President</b></p>
2	<p><b>Unity Ride for Sickle Cell</b></p> <p>To be received by Members of the Unity Ride for Sickle Cell event coordination group</p>	<p><b>Richmond City Council Richmond Official Recognition Award</b></p>	<p>To help further increase public awareness and support individuals, families, organizations, and the medical community regarding Sickle Cell Disease; celebrate the annual Unity Ride for Sickle Cell held on the first Saturday in May in perpetuity; and, thank the Ride’s organizers, participants, and supporters for their important roles and participation on behalf of this dreaded disease.</p>	<p><b>Hilbert</b></p>



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Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION 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 body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially proclaim:*

# Richmond Older Residents Month

**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 Richmond's older residents; and

**Whereas**, Defined as those aged 55 and older, Richmond's older residents represent the foundation and core of our community; and

**Whereas**, The wealth of knowledge, experience, and abilities possessed by Richmond's older residents is profound and critically important to the continuing present and future success of our community; and

**Whereas**, As Richmonders, we are privileged, advantaged, and fortunate to have thousands of fellow residents who are aged 55 and older, who comprise nearly 25 percent of the city population; and

**Whereas**, Older residents are helping to drive the rejuvenation of our city and are living longer, happier, healthier, and more productive lives than ever; and

**Whereas**, Recognizing older residents in 1963, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed Senior Citizens Month in the United States of America and, in 1980, President Jimmy Carter updated the name to Older Americans Month; and

**Whereas**, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging celebrates the month of May each year as Older Americans Month; and

**Whereas**, In 2011, Richmond City Council officially proclaimed and established the month of May to be Richmond Older Residents Month; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council is a strong supporter, champion, and advocate on behalf of the success of all Richmond residents;

**Now, Therefore**, In recognition of Richmond's residents aged 55 and older living in our community, Richmond City Council does hereby re-proclaim the month of May to be Richmond Older Residents Month in Richmond, Virginia in perpetuity and thanks our older residents for their important role in helping to make our city an even better, place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

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

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

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert  
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## RICHMOND OFFICIAL 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 body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize:

### Unity Ride for Sickle Cell

**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 recognize, honor, and celebrate the annual Unity Ride for Sickle Cell; and

**Whereas**, Established in 2009, the Unity Ride for Sickle Cell is an organized motorcycle ride held each year on the first Saturday in May to fundraise and increase awareness regarding Sickle Cell Disease; and

**Whereas**, Proceeds from the event are used to help support various health and Sickle Cell Disease related entities in the Greater Richmond Region; and

**Whereas**, Sickle Cell Disease is a life threatening illness that is a clear and present danger to the life, health, and happiness of children, women, and men living in our community; and

**Whereas**, Sickle Cell Disease represents a group of inherited blood disorders that can lead to a number of severe and chronic complications, which include intense pain, heart attacks, infections, and significantly reducing an individual's life expectancy to about 40-60 years; and

**Whereas**, Sickle Cell Disease is the most common genetic blood disease found in the United States of America, affecting as many as 100,000 individuals in our country and millions more worldwide; and

**Whereas**, Sickle Cell Disease is found to primarily affect people of African ancestry and some of Mediterranean, Hispanic, Indian, and Middle Eastern descent; and

**Whereas**, Sickle Cell Disease is an hereditary blood disorder that leads to a tendency of red blood cells to, rather than be rounded and move easily through blood vessels, form into abnormally rigid and sticky cells that resemble a crescent shape similar to a curved farmer's tool called a sickle, which can get stuck and block blood flow and oxygen in the body; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council is a strong supporter, champion, and advocate of the life, health, and safety of all Richmond Residents and the devastating personal losses, costs, and consequences to our community as a result of this disease are tragic, profound, and far-reaching; and

**Whereas**, Coordination and support of the Unity Ride for Sickle Cell includes the leadership of the Ladies of Elegance Social Club, Sickle Cell Association of Richmond-OSCAR, and many other groups, organizations, and individual riders;

**Now, Therefore**, In order to help further increase public awareness and support individuals, families, organizations, and the medical community regarding Sickle Cell Disease, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the annual Unity Ride for Sickle Cell held on the first Saturday in May in perpetuity, and thanks its organizers, participants, and supporters for their important roles and participation on behalf of this dreaded disease.

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