

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Richmond Latin and Hispanic American Heritage Month September 15 - October 15 To be received by: Richmond Residents and Organizations of Hispanic, Latin, African, Indigenous, and Americans with heritage and/or descent that includes Central America, South America, Caribbean, and Mexico	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To further expand, support, and embrace the abundantly vibrant woven tapestry that exemplifies us as Richmond residents, which includes the inclusion of all Hispanic, Latin, African, Indigenous, and all Americans with heritage and/or descent that includes Central America, South America, Caribbean, and Mexico, Richmond City Council and Mayor Danny Avula do hereby officially proclaim and establish in Richmond, Virginia the 31-day period of September 15 through October 15 as Richmond Latin and Hispanic American Heritage Month , in perpetuity; and call this observance to the attention of all our grateful residents to share in the many celebrations held by and in the community.	Cm. Jones Mayor
2	CARITAS To be received by: Karen O'Brien President and CEO CARITAS	RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL RECOGNITION	To recognize, honor, and celebrate CARITAS for its work in our community on behalf of substance use treatment and shelter for persons in need and thank the CARITAS Board of Directors and Staff, and the numerous volunteers, partners, individuals, foundations, business, organizations, and other government entities supporting it for their dedication and assistance and in helping make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.	President



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR OF RICHMOND

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 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 Latin and Hispanic American Heritage Month September 15 - October 15

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, and the Mayor of Richmond, in the United States of America, do hereby unite to honor and recognize Hispanic, Latin, African, Indigenous, and all Americans with heritage and/or descent that includes Central America, South America, Caribbean, and Mexico; and

Whereas, Embracing and celebrating our individual and shared social, cultural, racial, and ethnic identities as Richmonders is a testament to the inclusiveness, diversity, vitality, and strength of our thriving community; and

Whereas, In 1968 the U.S. Congress and President of the United States established a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was expanded in 1988 to designate the 31-day period of September 15 through October 15 annually as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

Whereas, Richmond City Council and the Mayor of Richmond are strong supporters and advocates of a thriving and inclusive community and are proud to advocate for Richmond residents and promote events and activities that make our city an even more inclusive place to live, work, learn, love, visit and enjoy family; and

Whereas, In 2015, Richmond City Council established the 31-day period of September 15 through October 15 annually as Richmond Hispanic Heritage Month; and

Whereas, Richmond residents with Hispanic, Latin, African, Indigenous, and all Americans with heritage and/or descent that includes Central America, South America, Caribbean, and Mexico continue to grow the wealth, depth, and breadth of Richmond's cultural richness and success;

Now, Therefore, In order to further expand, support, and embrace the abundantly vibrant woven tapestry that exemplifies us as Richmond residents, which includes the inclusion of all Hispanic, Latin, African, Indigenous, and all Americans with heritage and/or descent that includes Central America, South America, Caribbean, and Mexico, Richmond City Council and Mayor Danny Avula do hereby officially proclaim and establish in Richmond, Virginia the 31-day period of September 15 through October 15 as **Richmond Latin and Hispanic American Heritage Month**, in perpetuity; and call this observance to the attention of all our grateful residents to share in the many celebrations held by and in the community.

In Witness Whereof, this has hereunto been established for official presentation on the twenty-second day of September, two thousand twenty-five, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-eighth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fiftieth of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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



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The Honorable Danny Avula
Mayor
City of Richmond



MAYOR DANNY AVULA
City of Richmond, Virginia

The Honorable Katherine L. Jordan
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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

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:

CARITAS

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby affirm that substance use treatment and shelter for persons who are unhoused are critical to helping provide support to those in need across our city and region to live healthy and rewarding lives; and

Whereas, Established in 1987, CARITAS (Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter) was born out of a collaborative “Winter Cots” effort of local faith communities in the early 1980’s in response to a rise in people who were unsheltered during winter months; and

Whereas, CARITAS programming has evolved and expanded from a wintertime mobile emergency shelter system to a more robust, comprehensive, solution-oriented, and long-term homeless services and substance use recovery community which provides wraparound services built to meet the specific needs of the whole person; and

Whereas, Headquartered at 2220 Stockton Street in Richmond’s Southside, CARITAS provides a safe landing space for recovery, healing, and support in helping to renew and rebuild lives; and

Whereas, CARITAS has earned great praise and respect across the city and region for its many ongoing programs and services that include, among many, a furniture bank for people emerging from housing crises, an adult work-force development curriculum, and sober living apartments for CARITAS program graduates and qualifying community members;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate CARITAS for its work in our community on behalf of substance use treatment and shelter for persons in need and thanks the CARITAS Board of Directors and Staff, and the numerous volunteers, partners, individuals, foundations, business, organizations, and other government entities supporting it for their dedication and assistance and in helping make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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