

INTRODUCED: November 13, 2017

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R083

To establish November 13, 2017, as Richmond Kindness Day in the city of Richmond.

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Patrons – President Hilbert, Ms. Robertson, Mr. Agelasto and  
Vice President Newbille

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 13 2017 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the World Kindness Movement is an international movement that was initiated at a conference in Tokyo, Japan on November 13, 1997, when Japan brought together like-minded organizations from around the world to share and develop global strategies for a kinder world; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the World Kindness Movement is to inspire individuals towards greater kindness by connecting nations to create a kinder world; and

WHEREAS, World Kindness Day is observed on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement to celebrate and encourage kindness around the world to include schools, businesses, community groups, and cities; and

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WHEREAS, the World Kindness Movement encourages individuals of other nations to establish kindness movements within their countries and collaborate on global initiatives through membership in the World Kindness Movement; and

WHEREAS, members of the World Kindness Movement include over 28 nations with representatives from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, India, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Romania, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and six member organizations in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, all members of the World Kindness Movement have the responsibility of organizing activities related to kindness within their communities, through their organizations, and with planning activities for World Kindness Week; and

WHEREAS, International Random Acts of Kindness Week is celebrated during the second full week of February each year; National Random Acts of Kindness Day was celebrated on February 17, 2017; and World Kindness Day is celebrated on November 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond encourages the involvement of residents, students, and local government in the celebration of World Kindness Week to create events to bring positive change by raising awareness as to the important role kindness plays in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the importance of kindness and has adopted Resolution No. 2014-R61-68, adopted April 28, 2014, to encourage citizens and employees of the City of Richmond to celebrate International Random Acts of Kindness Week during the second full week of February each year and to designate Wednesdays for random acts of kindness to

encourage random acts of kindness in the spirit of compassion, kindness, and goodwill toward all people; and

WHEREAS, many nations and states have agreed together that November 13<sup>th</sup> of each year will be celebrated to promote the values of kindness, unity, and love;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council hereby designates November 13, 2017, as Richmond Kindness Day in recognition of World Kindness Day in the city of Richmond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council hereby encourages all residents to reach out to others with acts of giving and gestures of goodwill in ongoing support for the international collaboration to create kinder and more peaceful communities.



# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Lou Brown Ali  
Council Chief of Staff

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**TITLE:** Resolution to Establish November 13<sup>th</sup> as World Kindness Day

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance**  **Resolution**

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

President Chris Hilbert; Council  
Member Ellen Robertson; Council  
Member Parker Agelasto

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

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**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

Resolution to establish November 13<sup>th</sup> as World Kindness Day in Richmond, Virginia.

## BACKGROUND

This Resolution is to request an O&R to establish Richmond Kindness Day in support of World Kindness Day on November 13, 2017. Background information for the Resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the World Kindness Movement is an international movement, which formed as an organization at a conference in Tokyo, Japan on November 13, 1997, when Japan brought together like-minded organizations from around the world to share and develop global strategies for a kinder world;

Whereas, World Kindness Day is observed on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement to celebrate and encourage kindness around the world to include Schools, Businesses, Community Groups and Cities;

Whereas, the mission of the World Kindness Movement is to inspire individuals and nations to create a kinder world through establishing independent kindness programs and projects in cities, schools and communities across the globes;

Whereas, the World Kindness Movement encourages individuals of other nations to establish kindness movements within their countries and collaborate on global initiatives through membership to The World Kindness Movement;

Whereas, members of the World Kindness Movement include over 28 nations with representatives from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, India, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Romania, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, United Arab Emerites, Ukraine, United Kingdom and with six member organizations in the USA;

Whereas, all members of the World Kindness Movement have the responsibility of organizing activities related to kindness within their community through their organization and plan activities for World Kindness Day on the 13th of November each year;

Whereas, the World Kindness Movement encourages signing a Kindness Pledge as a first step toward changing the culture of the City and nation in a very positive way to encourage all of humanity to seek the kinder option in all matters;

Whereas, Richmond City Council encourages the involvement of residents, students and local government in the celebration of the World Kindness Week to create events to bring positive change by raising awareness to the important role kindness plays in our society;

Whereas, Richmond City Council recognizes the importance of kindness and has approved Resolution 2014-R61-68, adopted April 28, 2014 to establish an Annual Acts of Kindness Week and the designation of Wednesdays as an Act of Kindness Day, which is to be celebrated the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> to encourage the citizens of the city of Richmond to practice random acts of kindness, in the spirit of compassion, kindness and goodwill toward all persons;

Whereas, International Random Acts of Kindness Week is celebrated during the second full week of February of each year, National Random Acts of Kindness Day was celebrated February 17, 2017, and World Kindness Day is celebrated on November 13, 2017;

Whereas, many nations and states have agreed together that November 13<sup>th</sup> of each year is celebrated to promote the values of kindness, unity and love; and

Therefore be it resolved, that Richmond City Council designates November 13, 2017 as Richmond Kindness Day in recognition of "World Kindness Day" in Richmond, VA; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Council encourages all residents to reach out to others with acts of giving and gestures of goodwill, ongoing support for international collaboration of our nation's governments and its residents to create kinder and peaceful societies.

#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$	

Attachment/s Yes  No