

# Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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## AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

#	TITLE/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p><b>Richmond Public Health Week</b></p> <p><b>Speaker/Receiver</b> Virginia Department of Health - Richmond District Office of Health</p>	<p><b>Richmond Official Joint Proclamation</b></p>	<p>In recognition of National Public Health Week and the dedication of the Virginia Department of Health - Richmond District Office of Health to proclaim to establish the first full work week in April to be Richmond Public Health Week, in perpetuity; and, thank those working on behalf of Richmond residents.</p>	<p>Council Mayor</p>
2	<p><b>Richmond Doctors' Day</b></p> <p><b>Speaker/Receiver</b> Virginia Department of Health - Richmond District Office of Health</p>	<p><b>Richmond Official Joint Proclamation</b></p>	<p>In recognition of National Doctors' Day and the important work of physicians to proclaim and establish March 30 to be Richmond Doctors' Day, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; and, thank those working on behalf of the public and community well-being of Richmond residents.</p>	<p>Council Mayor</p>
3	<p><b>Richmond Public (Legal) Defender Week</b></p> <p><b>Speaker/Receiver</b> Virginia Indigent Defense Commission - Richmond Office of Public Defender</p>	<p><b>Richmond Official Joint Proclamation</b></p>	<p>In commemoration of the U.S. Supreme Court opinion in <i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> and in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission - Richmond Office of Public Defender to proclaim and establish the full work week in March that includes March 18 to be Richmond Public (Legal) Defender Week, in perpetuity.</p>	<p>Council Mayor</p>
4	<p><b>Richmond Social Work Month</b></p> <p><b>Speaker/Receiver</b> Richmond Department of Social Services</p>	<p><b>Richmond Official Joint Proclamation</b></p>	<p>In recognition of National Social Work Month and the dedication of Social Work and the delivery of Social Service programs by organizations, entities and the Richmond Department of Social Services to proclaim and establish the month of March to be Richmond Social Work Month, in perpetuity.</p>	<p>Council Mayor</p>



# 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 Public Health Week

**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 solidarity and common purpose to declare Public Health to be critical to the lives and well-being of all Richmond residents and to the ongoing success of our thriving community; and

**Whereas**, As important as good healthcare is for each and every one of us, it is often a privilege many people cannot afford and factors such as where a person is born, their background, the neighborhood they live in, their place of work, their ability to afford insurance, and/or the many differences in people's lives should not determine a person's healthcare quality, access, or options; and

**Whereas**, Federal, state, and local Public Health practitioners work on behalf of the public good in serving individuals, families, and communities in helping all persons, irrespective of race, gender, identity, or income to have happier and healthier lives; and

**Whereas**, Public Health Professionals tirelessly work to help prevent, prepare, respond, withstand, mitigate, and recover from a wide range of health threats, impacts, and incident aftermath, including pandemic and other infectious diseases, natural and man-made disasters, and other injuries and illnesses; and

**Whereas**, In support of the need and importance of Public Health services and practitioners, in 1995 the American Public Health Association, an organization of public healthcare professionals, began promoting the first full week in April as National Public Health Week in the United States; and

**Whereas**, In Virginia, the Virginia Department of Health oversees, produces, administers, manages, and delivers numerous statewide public health programs and services; and

**Whereas**, In 2006, Richmond contracted with the Virginia Department of Health to establish the Richmond District Office of Health and provide Public Health services on behalf of Richmond residents and is one of many local offices across the state operated by the Virginia Department of Health on behalf of local communities; and

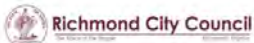
**Whereas**, The Richmond District Office of Health delivers a wide array of public health programs and services, which include clinical, field, and community-based efforts in the areas of reproductive health, communicable disease control, public health programs, health promotion, environmental health, and disaster preparedness and response; and, is a champion of health equity as a key priority among its staff and of its work as an area of focus in surveillance, health improvement planning and coordination, and initiatives to improve outcomes, especially for those populations with disparate and often systemically-rooted health burdens; and

**Whereas**, A small state office with a large workload, the Richmond District Office of Health is known for its dedicated staff of health professionals that include physicians, epidemiologists, public information communicators, clinical staff, health educators and counselors, environmental health specialists, and administrative professionals;

**Whereas**, In recognition of National Public Health Week and the dedication of the Virginia Department of Health - Richmond District Office of Health, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby proclaim and establish the first full work week in April to be **Richmond Public Health Week**, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; and, thank those working on behalf of Richmond residents for helping make our city an even better, happier, and healthier place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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

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# Richmond Doctors' Day

**Whereas,** The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor, and Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose in recognition of physicians providing, supporting, and delivering critically important public and community health services on behalf of the needs and well-being of Richmond residents; and

**Whereas,** Physicians' work and dedication on behalf of the prevention and treatment of illness, disease, and injury that impact our quality of life is crucial to the health, livelihood, and ongoing success of our thriving community; and

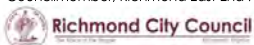
**Whereas,** A physicians' work, while rewarding, can at times also be a challenging, demanding, hazardous, and life-threatening undertaking, such as during pandemics like COVID-19, manmade and natural disasters, and other disease outbreaks, in which they are called upon and sometimes placed at risk and in harm's way on behalf of the public good; and

**Whereas,** Conceived by a Georgia resident who wanted a day to recognize physicians, like her husband, Doctors' Day is reported to have been first observed on March 30, 1933 by the Alliance to the Barrow County Medical Society of Winder, Georgia - the Alliance selected the date of March 30 to commemorate the date in 1842 when a fellow Georgian was credited as being among the first American physicians to administer diethyl ether as a surgical anesthesia - and in 1990 National Doctors' Day was nationally recognized and established;

**Now, Therefore,** In recognition of National Doctors' Day and the important work of physicians, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially proclaim and establish March 30 to be **Richmond Doctors' Day**, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; and, thank those working on behalf of the public and community well-being of Richmond residents in helping make our city an even better, happier, and healthier place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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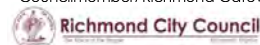
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# Richmond Public (Legal) Defender Week

**Whereas**, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor, and Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in common purpose on behalf of our nation's judicial system that is founded upon the importance, promise, and legal principal encompassed in the ideal, exercise, and governance of the "rule of law"; and

**Whereas**, On March 18, 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a landmark opinion in the case of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, which established the right to legal counsel for those who could not afford to hire an attorney;

**Whereas**, The term "rule of law" embodies a concept that all people, including lawmakers, judges, and law enforcement, are equally subject to, and protected by, the laws of their society and that such laws are fairly, impartially, and equally administered and enforced; and

**Whereas**, Our system is based on the legal principles of equity, fairness, due process of the law, equal protection under the law, innocence until proven guilty, and a person's right to have an attorney represent them in criminal prosecution, even if they are unable to afford one; and

**Whereas**, Having the right to legal representation and access to the court system in order to provide for the proper defense of people who find themselves under criminal prosecution includes them having an attorney to assist them in preparing their defense, regardless of their ability to afford one themselves, and is a fundamental principal in helping maintain fairness and balance in our legal system; and

**Whereas**, In the United States of America, the federal government and some states maintain offices of public defenders who are full-time attorneys providing legal representation and defense on behalf of those facing criminal prosecution that are not able to afford legal representation; and

**Whereas**, In Virginia, the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission is an independent state agency that oversees more than two dozen government public defender offices across the state providing public defense lawyers and manages a certification process of public defense and court-appointed private attorneys; and

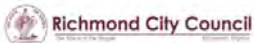
**Whereas**, In Richmond, the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission - Richmond Office of Public Defender, which includes Richmond Public Defenders, Mitigation Specialists, Investigators, and Staff employed by the state, serves Richmond residents that are unable to afford an attorney during every stage of their case, through trial, appeal, and the Virginia Supreme Court; and

**Whereas**, The work of a public defender office is often very demanding and the Richmond Office of Public Defender is known for its exceptional service above and beyond the call of duty; and

**Now, Therefore**, In commemoration of the U.S. Supreme Court opinion in *Gideon v. Wainwright* and in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission - Richmond Office of Public Defender, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially proclaim and establish the full work week in March that includes March 18 to be **Richmond Public (Legal) Defender Week**, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia and thank the Public Defenders, Mitigation Specialists, Investigators, and Staff working on behalf of public legal defense for their work on behalf of Richmond residents and for helping make our city an even better, more equitable, and more just place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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# Richmond Social Work Month

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**Whereas**, Social Work is a professional field and academic discipline that endeavors to help improve the quality of life for people, especially those experiencing distress, through the delivery of positively impactful programs and services; and

**Whereas**, Purpose driven, Social Work conceives to fortify, build, and strengthen the capacities, resiliency, and stability of individuals, families, groups, communities, and society by establishing, developing, and delivering individual and collective development and empowerment programs and services that bring together and maximize available resources to assist social, educational, behavioral, healthcare, economic, cultural, and human development in supporting and improving the individual and shared well-being, success, sustainability, and outcomes of others; and

**Whereas**, Social Work and the delivery of Social Service programs is a very involved, challenging, and demanding undertaking that can be overwhelming and emotionally draining and Social Work/Service professionals tirelessly work to help make the lives and outcomes of our communities the best they can be; and

**Whereas**, In support of the need and importance of Social Work, in 1963 the National Association of Social Workers, an organization of social work professionals, established the month of March as National Professional Social Work Month and, in 1984, National Social Work Month was federally recognized and established in the United States; and

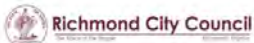
**Whereas**, Public and nonprofit Social Work programs, policies, funding, and practitioners work on behalf of the public good in serving individuals, families, and communities and helping all persons, irrespective of race, gender, identity, or income to have happier and healthier lives; and

**Whereas**, Locally, the Richmond Department of Social Services provides for the delivery of numerous Social Work programs and services on behalf of Richmond residents and its operations include the Division of Children, Families and Adults, which works on ensuring families and children are safe and secure in their own homes, in foster homes and throughout the community; the Office of Children's Services Act, which helps provide child-focused services on behalf of troubled and at-risk youth; and, the Division of Economic Support and Independence, which provides residents in need with tools and opportunities that promote economic stability;

**Now, Therefore**, In recognition of National Social Work Month and the dedication of Social Work and the delivery of Social Service programs by organizations, entities and the Richmond Department of Social Services, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby proclaim and establish the month of March to be **Richmond Social Work Month**, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; and, thank those working on behalf of Richmond residents for helping make our city an even better, happier, and more sustainable place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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