

# Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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## Awards & Proclamations on behalf of the institution of Richmond City Council

### Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<b>Richmond Women's Day</b>	Richmond City Council Official Proclamation	To further recognize, honor, and celebrate the importance of women, especially those of color, and International Women's Day, and proclaim March 8 to be Richmond Women's Day, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia and encourage everyone to join in commemorating this observance and in appreciating how critical women are on behalf of the continued success of our community, society, state, country, and world.	ROBERTSON
2	<b>Richmond Invasive Species Awareness and Action Month</b>  To be received by: Richmond Organizations	Richmond City Council Official Proclamation	To further awareness and action and as a profound expression of Council's commitment to this critical health, safety, and economic issue, and officially proclaim the entire month of March to be Richmond Invasive Species Awareness and Action Month, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; call on all Richmond residents to help reduce the growth and spread of invasive species in their own yards and neighborhood and to volunteer to help in whatever capacity they can; and, thank those helping to fight against invasive species in our community and making our city an even safer and healthier place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.	LYNCH



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The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL 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, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially proclaim:*

# Richmond Women's Day

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate women and their importance in our community and society; and

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council is a strong supporter, champion, and advocate of gender equality and the continued progress and success of women and all Richmond residents; and

**Whereas**, Beginning in the first part of the 20th Century, on February 28, 1909, the Socialist Party of America held a Woman's Day observance in New York, organized in remembrance of an International Ladies Garment Workers' Union strike held the previous year; and

**Whereas**, In 1977, the United Nations invited members to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day for Women's Rights and World Peace, and International Women's Day continues to be celebrated worldwide each year on March 8; and

**Whereas**, as women's rights activities grew over the years and many different types of events were held, ranging from a day to a week, on March 12, 1987, the U.S. Congress established the month of March as National Women's History Month; and

**Whereas**, in 2017, in order to further increase appreciation of the importance of women in our society, Richmond City Council officially proclaimed and established the month of March to be Richmond Women's History Month, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; and

**Whereas**, in 2023 Richmond government will observe March 8 as International Women's Day as part of its holiday schedule; and

**Whereas**, the past three years of the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting our society has shown women being disproportionately represented on the frontlines in performing critical essential work in hospitals, education, health care, and other high-risk and often low wage jobs; and

**Whereas**, during this time, increased illumination on the need for more progressive policies supporting realistic work-life-family balance, caretaking of children and older adults, and many other obstacles blocking gender equity have come to the forefront; and

**Whereas**, also highlighted during this time is that women, especially those of color, and while serving vital roles in maintaining the economic stability of their families and communities, are paid less than others;

**Now, Therefore**, In order to further recognize, honor, and celebrate the importance of women, especially those of color, and International Women's Day, Richmond City Council does hereby proclaim March 8 to be **Richmond Women's Day**, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia and encourages everyone to join in commemorating this observance and in appreciating how critical women are on behalf of the continued success of our community, society, state, country, and world.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was respectfully prepared and hereunto established for official Richmond City Council effectuation on behalf of the residents of Richmond on the twenty-seventh day of February, two thousand twenty-three, in the two hundred eighty-sixth year of the City of Richmond, founded in 1737, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Commonwealth of Virginia, established in 1776, and the United States of America.

The Honorable Michael J. Jones  
Council President, Richmond City Council  
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The Honorable Kristen M. Nye  
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### Richmond Invasive Species Awareness & Action Month

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby affirm the health and safety of our living natural environment to be critical to the well-being and ongoing success of our thriving community and that all Richmond residents and visitors deserve to be able to enjoy clean water, green spaces, parks, fresh air, and healthy outdoor recreation; and

**Whereas**, directly threatening the health, happiness, and safety of Richmond residents are invasive species, including non-native plants, animals, diseases, and parasites, that are invading our community and destroying the natural balance of our living environment; and

**Whereas**, as humans and human activity are the largest spreaders of invasive species, this is a growing concern for Richmond, as 83 percent of the U.S. population lives in urban areas and it is estimated that that by 2050 that number will be pushing 90 percent; and

**Whereas**, across the country, invasive species are considered one of the top five major risks to the sustainability of a community's living world and their presence and proliferation have real immediate and long term health and economic impact consequences; and

**Whereas**, costly impacts, effects, and consequences of invasive species include property damage, ecological disaster, clogging of municipal water facilities, urban rivers and streams, killing of fish and wildlife, blight, food instability, pet danger, and human disease transmission - just to name a few; and

**Whereas**, an example of one of our most valuable and precious natural resources is our city's native trees, which not only further beautify our community but are estimated to save us millions of dollars a year by shading our streets and extending their need for road/street repair and maintenance from every 10 years to every 20-25, reducing noise pollution by 50 percent, and significantly reducing flooding, soil erosion, stormwater runoff, greenhouse gas, and stream/river/water pollution; and

**Whereas**, efforts helping to confront and combat the threats and impacts of invasive species in our community include the work of the Richmond Department of Public Works Division of Urban Forestry, Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities James River Parks System, and the Virginia Department of Health Richmond Office (District) of Public Health; and

**Whereas**, a community-wide problem that requires and includes the active awareness, involvement, effort, and commitment of all Richmond residents, there are dozens of dedicated organizations and hundreds of individuals across our city providing their time, talent, advocacy, and resources in helping us fight against invasive species; and

**Whereas**, in 2015, the U.S. Department of Agriculture created a National Invasive Species Awareness Week, beginning the last week of February;

**Now, Therefore**, Richmond City Council, in furthering awareness and action and as a profound expression of its commitment to this critical health, safety, and economic issue, does hereby officially proclaim the entire month of March to be **Richmond Invasive Species Awareness and Action Month**, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; calls on all Richmond residents to help reduce the growth and spread of invasive species in their own yards and neighborhood and to volunteer to help in whatever capacity they can; and, thanks those helping to fight against invasive species in our community and making our city an even safer and healthier place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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