



Richmond City Council Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	SPONSOR/S
1	Richmond Police Appreciation Week To be received by: Police Chief Alfred Durham Richmond Police Department	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To honor the Richmond Police Department and proclaim the second full week of May to be Richmond Police Appreciation Week.	President Mayor
2	Richmond Small and Minority Owned Business Appreciation Month To be received by: TBA/City Administration	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To proclaim the month of May as Richmond Small and Minority Owned Business Appreciation Month.	Mayor President
3	Richmond Safe Boating Week To be received by: Mr. David Paxton Governmental Affairs Staff Officer - United States of America Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 31, Richmond, Virginia Division 3, 5th Coast Guard District, Southern Region	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To proclaim the third week of May to be Richmond Safe Boating Week and urge all Richmond boaters to take boating safety courses.	President Mayor
4	Richmond Emergency Medical Services Week To be received by: Richmond Ambulance Authority Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To honor Richmond Emergency Medical Services professionals and proclaim the third full work week of May as Richmond Emergency Medical Services Week.	Newbille Mayor
5	Richmond Fibromyalgia Awareness Day To be received by: Ms. Sue Walker, President Richmond Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Association Co-Leader, Rich- mond Fibromyalgia Support Group and Richmond Fibromyalgia and Chron- ic Pain Association Board Members and Richmond Fibromyalgia Support Group Leaders	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To proclaim May 12 as Richmond Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.	Samuels Mayor



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR DWIGHT C. JONES

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; Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, and The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, do hereby and officially proclaim:

Richmond Police Appreciation Week

Whereas, The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, and 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 promise and principals encompassed in the ideal, exercise and governance of the "rule of law"; and

Whereas, Enshrined in bedrock documents, like the Magna Carta, as well as the United States of America Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, the rule of law is a living, breathing concept based on human rights, accountability, fairness, and justice for all; and

Whereas, Critical to the rule of law is the enforcement of those laws and our law enforcement personnel who assist us with those duties, which are vital to the continued public safety and happiness of all Richmond Residents and those visiting our beautiful and historic city; and

Whereas, In 1807, Richmond Residents officially established the Richmond Police Department to assist with the enforcement of our laws at the local level; making it among the first formally organized law enforcement agencies in the United States of America; and

Whereas, Providing outstanding service on our behalf, the Richmond Police Department includes more than 800 dedicated personnel, comprised of sworn officers and staff, who respond to a quarter million calls for service each; and

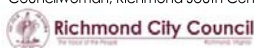
Whereas, In America, public service is considered to be among the most important and noble work a person can do and, through their outstanding example, law enforcement personnel prove their dedication to, and support of, the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation; in that our individual destinies and that of our families, community, city, state and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, investment, labor and dedication of all its residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise; and

Whereas, On October 1, 1962, with the United States of America Congress requesting by Joint Resolution and President John F. Kennedy approving, the United States of America officially proclaimed, May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that day falls as Police Week;

Now, Therefore, In order to officially recognize, honor and celebrate the dedicated members of the Richmond Police Department, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby proclaim the second full week of May to be **Richmond Police Appreciation Week** and encourage all Richmond Residents to thank the many fine, dedicated and committed law enforcement personnel who work to help protect and serve our community.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this ninth day of May, two thousand sixteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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Richmond Small and Minority Owned Business Appreciation Month

Whereas, The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia in the United States of America, do hereby unite together in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor, celebrate and support the small and the minority owned businesses headquartered in Richmond, Virginia; and

Whereas, Small businesses and those owned and operated by persons classified as minorities are vital to the fabric of a thriving city and are an integral to the past, present and future success of our community; and

Whereas, Small businesses in Richmond are generally regarded as those that include 10 or fewer full-time permanent employees, among other requirements for certification; and

Whereas, A minority owned business in Richmond is generally considered one that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled or owned and operated by a member of a minority group, among other requirements for certification;

Now, Therefore, In recognition, honor, celebration and support of our small and minority owned businesses, The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby proclaim the month of May to be **Richmond Small and Minority Owned Business Appreciation Month**; and, encourage all Richmond residents to support their local small and minority owned businesses.

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Richmond Safe Boating Week

Whereas, The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, and 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 celebrate the warm weather months and the many opportunities for safely enjoying the bounty of nature's abundant rivers, lakes and oceans; and

Whereas, Boating for recreation, sport and relaxation is a favorite pastime of many Richmond Residents who look forward to getting out on the water with their families and friends; and

Whereas, Each year the number of water activities and enthusiasts grows, as does the amount and types of motorized and self-propelled watercrafts that are available and being used on the water; and

Whereas, A substantial number of boats registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia are owned and operated by those living in Richmond and the Greater Richmond Metro Area; and

Whereas, Boating safety is a critical and ever-present individual and shared responsibility that includes the active concern, action and protection of each person; their family and friends; and, all those around them; and

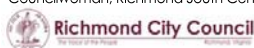
Whereas, The United States of America Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 31, Richmond, Virginia Division 3, 5th Coast Guard District, Southern Region, is an all volunteer civilian organization that dutifully and faithfully serves the Richmond area in providing boating safety education classes and complementary vessel safety checks throughout the year; and

Whereas, In 1958 the United States of America Congress requested by Joint Resolution, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed, a week including United States of America Independence Day on the July 4th as the National Safe Boating Week, which in 1995 it was shifted to the month of May to coincide with Memorial Day;

Now, Therefore, In support of National Safe Boating Week and in order to promote safe boating practices; boating safety education; and, increase awareness for the need of responsible watercraft usage, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby officially proclaim the third week of May to be **Richmond Safe Boating Week** and urge all Richmond boaters to take boating safety courses; wear life jackets; have their boats checked for maintenance and safety equipment; and, practice safe boating.

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Richmond Emergency Medical Services Week

Whereas, The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, and 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 declare Emergency Medical Services to be vital to the continued health, safety and success of Richmond Residents and those visiting our beautiful and historic city; and

Whereas, Access to quality Emergency Medical Services save lives by significantly increasing survival and recovery rates of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

Whereas, Richmonders provide Emergency Medical Services in our city through the Richmond Ambulance Authority and the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services; and

Whereas, Richmond is proud of its Emergency Medical Services professionals who provide lifesaving care 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

Whereas, Virginia has a long and proud history of leadership and commitment to Emergency Medical Services that includes our Nation's first independent volunteer rescue squad being founded in Roanoke, Virginia in 1928, which was the precursor to our modern Emergency Medical System that now includes more than 750,000 pre-hospital emergency medical service workers in the United States of America; and

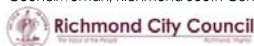
Whereas, Some of the many important people supporting the delivery of Emergency Medical Services include: Administrative Staff, Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, Firefighters, Public Information Officers, Emergency Nurses and Physicians, Maintenance Technicians, Medical Instructors/Educators, and Emergency Communications Operators; and

Whereas, In 1974, The Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, proclaimed a week to be Emergency Medical Services Week, in response to the United States of America Congress establishing the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1973; and, in recent years it has been celebrated annually during the third full week of May;

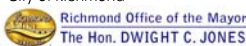
Now, Therefore, In recognition and support of Emergency Medical Services Week, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby officially proclaim the third full work week of May as **Richmond Emergency Medical Services Week** in honor of all Richmond Emergency Medical Services professionals and thank them for helping to make our city an even better, safer and healthier place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

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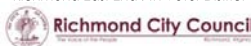
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Richmond Fibromyalgia Awareness Day

Whereas, The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia in the United States of America, do hereby unite together in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize Fibromyalgia as a debilitating medical disorder that affects the health, happiness and wellbeing of men, women and children of all ethnicities and backgrounds in every community; and

Whereas, There is no known cure for Fibromyalgia, which is a disorder that causes chronic pain and fatigue and affects an estimated 10 million people living across our nation; and

Whereas, An increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of life with Fibromyalgia serves to empower a community to be better able to assist those who struggle with this disorder; and

Whereas, Fibromyalgia affects individuals, families and our economy and the devastating personal challenges, costs and consequences placed on our community that result from it are tragic, far-reaching and profound; and

Whereas, May 12 is recognized by the United States of America Department of Health and Human Services Centers For Disease Control and Prevention as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Fibromyalgia Awareness Day; a date chosen to honor the birthday of the important historical figure, Ms. Florence Nightingale, who is credited as a founder of modern nursing, and reported to have characteristics of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome or Fibromyalgia; and

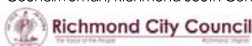
Whereas, The Richmond Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Association is an important local nonprofit organization that began in 2003 and provides programs designed to improve the quality of life for people with fibromyalgia; and

Whereas, Increased research into early detection, causes and effective treatments are critical for developing a cure for Fibromyalgia;

Now, Therefore, In honor, recognition and support of the Richmond Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Association and other dedicated groups who have joined together to increase public awareness, support, education, diagnosis, research and treatment in helping to fight this disorder, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby proclaim May 12 as **Richmond Fibromyalgia Awareness Day** and encourage further and increased research into early detection, causes, effective treatments and a cure for this terrible disorder.

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