



# Richmond City Council Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 26 September 2016**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	PRESENTER
1	<b>Richmond CultureWorks artoberVA</b>  To be received by: Mr. Scott Garka, Director CultureWorks	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION</b>	To supports Richmond arts and culture.	<b>Samuels Mayor</b>
2	<b>Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries</b>  To be received by: Bishop Daniel Robertson, Jr. Pastor, Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</b>	To recognize them for their support of the community.	<b>Mosby</b>
3	<b>Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Music in the Park</b>  To be received by: Mr. Whit Clements, Ms. Dorna Braswell, Mr. Todd Ransom	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</b>	To celebrate the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Music in the Park concert series.	<b>Graziano</b>
4	<b>Richmond Adult Education and Family Literacy Week</b>  To be received by: Ms. Karen LaForge, Executive Director READ Center of Greater Richmond	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION</b>	To bring further awareness regarding the importance of adult education and family literacy.	<b>Newbille Robertson</b>

**The following Richmond City Council Formal Official Awards were presented in the community at a different date.**

5	<b>Mr. James D. Hester</b>  <b>PRESENTED</b> 26 September 2016	<b>THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE</b>	Recognition for more than 44 years of service, including 10 + yrs. as Richmond City Council City Assessor of Real Estate.	<b>Richmond City Council</b>
6	<b>Richmond Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Queer Pride Day</b>  <b>PRESENTED</b>	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION</b>	To celebrate the diversity of Richmond.	<b>Samuels</b>



# 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: 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 and officially recognize:*

### Richmond CultureWorks artoberVA

**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 arts and culture of the Richmond Metropolitan region; and

**Whereas,** The phrase “arts and culture” refers to the relationship between creativity and society, in that the arts represent an outlet of expression for an individual that can be influenced by culture, as well as change that person’s culture; and

**Whereas,** The positive impact for students participating in the arts has been shown to improve learning, achievement and performance in math and reading; and

**Whereas,** Each year since 1993, Americans for the Arts and its national arts partners have recognized the month of October as National Arts and Humanities Month, a coast-to-coast collective celebration of arts and culture that encourages individuals and organizations to actively participate in the arts; and

**Whereas,** Richmond CultureWorks, a nonprofit organization, was created in 2009 to serve as a financial and informational liaison between businesses, public and private investors, arts and cultural organizations, and individual artists throughout the Richmond Metro region, and works to drive collaboration between these groups and engage the Richmond community in arts and culture; and

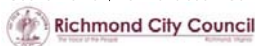
**Whereas,** From 2011 until 2015, Richmond CultureWorks produced the annual Arts & Culture Xpo, a one-day showcase of the wide variety of arts, history, science, and family-oriented activities from across the Richmond region; and

**Whereas,** Building upon the enthusiasm generated by the Arts & Culture Xpo, Richmond CultureWorks is launching artoberVA, a month-long celebration of arts and culture offerings in the Richmond region to be held in conjunction with National Arts and Humanities Month;

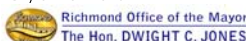
**Now, Therefore,** In order to further affirm the importance of the visual arts, literature, and performance-based art, Richmond City Council and Mayor Dwight C. Jones do hereby proclaim the month of October to be **Richmond CultureWorks artoberVA**; recognize the efforts of Richmond CultureWorks to bring arts and culture to the residents of our City; thank the many dedicated public, private and nonprofit arts and cultural organizations located throughout the region; and, encourage all Richmond Residents to support the local artists, musicians, performers, galleries, and performance halls that make up our local arts and culture community.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on this twenty-sixth day of September, two thousand sixteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-ninth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby  
President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District



The Honorable Dwight C. Jones  
Mayor  
City of Richmond



The Honorable Charles R. Samuels  
Councilman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District





# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

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# Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries

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 Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries.

A Christian-based ministry, Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries is located on a 63-acre campus at 2501 Mt. Gilead Boulevard in Chesterfield County, Virginia and has grown tremendously under leadership of Bishop Daniel Robertson, Jr., since May 1996.

Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries works to bring its vision to the Richmond Metropolitan area, the state and the world, which includes growing their ministry in such countries as Cuba, Kenya and Ghana.

Serving as the Pastor of Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries, Bishop Daniel Robertson, Jr. provides personal religious guidance, spiritual support and leadership on behalf of his church's members and the many programs and services that it delivers, which include Sunday Worship Services, religious classes, discipleship training, and transitional homes for families. Their ministry tools include a gourmet kitchen, a mobile food cart for the homeless, luxury coach bus, mini-coach bus, and a private jet. Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries is also very active with Bless Richmond, an ecumenical fellowship of local churches.

**Now Therefore**, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate Mount Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries, in Chesterfield County, Virginia; and, brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents.

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Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

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The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert  
Vice President, Richmond City Council  
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District



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### Forest Hill Neighborhood Association **Music in the Park**

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 Forest Hill Neighborhood Association for their hard work, dedication, and diligence in creating, organizing and orchestrating the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Music in the Park concert series for the residents of the Forest Hill Neighborhood and beyond.

Established in 2006, the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Music in the Park concert series is held monthly during the months of May through October at the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities Forest Hill Park Stone House. Opening on Mother's Day each year, two-hour concerts are typically performed on the first or second Sunday of the month.

Entertaining crowds of enthusiastic attendees of all ages for more than a decade, the concert series includes live performances representing a vast variety of talented musicians and artists spanning the spectrum of musical genres.

A sizable undertaking, the success of this annual event is due to the resources, time, talent, treasure and energy of the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association with the assistance of the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities and the sponsorship of the Westover Hills Neighborhood Association, Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association, GROW RVA, South of the James Farmers' Market and others. Of distinction and appreciation for their individual diligence to the success of this event are the outstanding efforts of Mr. Whit Clements, Ms. Dorna Braswell, Mr. Todd Ransom, and members of the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.

Located in the heart of Richmond, just south of the James River in the Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District, the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association represents one of Richmond's most beautiful, peaceful, and community-oriented areas in the city. The ongoing success of this neighborhood is due to the outstanding preservation, restoration, revitalization, beautification, care and commitment provided by its residents, leaders, city departments and businesses. A thriving area, the Forest Hill Neighborhood is liberally construed to include a western boundary of 46th Street, Cedar Lane and Southcliff Road, extending eastward into the depths of Forest Hill Park; and from the northern boundary of Riverside Drive extending southward to the Reedy Creek.

**Now, Therefore,** Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Music in the Park concert series and thanks the outstanding efforts of the dedicated individuals and entities making it happen for their commitment to helping make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, play, visit and raise a family.

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Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

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The Honorable Kathy Graziano  
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District





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Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

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### Richmond Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

**Whereas**, 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, celebrate and affirm that education is a most essential, significant and critically important individual process, resource and asset; and

**Whereas**, Education is the active facilitation of learning knowledge, skills, abilities, and habits; and

**Whereas**, Serving as an educational baseline, modern literacy encompasses an individual's ability to read, write, use arithmetic, communicate, and navigate within a society; and

**Whereas**, A critical individual opportunity and responsibility, education is a living process that emanates from parents, who are a child's first, foremost, constant and most important teachers in preparing them developmentally, academically, emotionally, socially, and physically to perform at their highest ability; and

**Whereas**, Adults begin as children, and research and experience shows that adults and families in which education is embraced, appreciated, supported and expected are much more likely to be happier, healthier and successful; and

**Whereas**, Crucial to the success of earning an education is the preparation, participation and diligence of engaged individuals who are committed to learning; and

**Whereas**, The members of Richmond City Council are strong supporters, champions and advocates of the continued progress, advancement and success of all Richmond residents; and

**Whereas**, Created in 1982, The READ Center of Greater Richmond has provided a sterling example of dedication to our community and has worked diligently in assisting adults with low-level literacy to develop basic reading and communications skills, helping them fulfill their roles as residents, workers and family members;

**Now, Therefore**, To help bring further awareness regarding the importance of adult education and family literacy, Richmond City Council does hereby officially proclaim the week of September 26 to October 2, 2016 to be **Richmond Adult Education and Family Literacy Week** and thanks all involved parents, care givers, adults, students, public schools, teachers, individuals and organizations for helping make Richmond an even better place to live, love, learn, work, play, visit and raise a family.

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The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby  
President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson  
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District

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

Inscription as engraved on award plate



## Richmond City Council

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*Richmond, Virginia*

# THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARD

FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

*bestowed upon*

# James D. Hester

For more than 44 years of dedicated public service as a local government Real Estate Assessor in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which includes more than a decade as the Richmond City Council City Assessor of Real Estate, from February 23, 2006 to October 1, 2016.

**PRESENTED**  
**26 September 2016**



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### Richmond Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Queer Pride Day

**Whereas**, 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 diversity, shared humanity and civil rights of our entire community and all its residents; and

**Whereas**, Each of us were born into the world the way we are and should be able to live without the fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence or hatred based on our gender identity or sexual orientation; and

**Whereas**, The Richmond community includes people of all ages and races who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Queer and each of us should have the same equal rights, benefits and responsibilities that are shared and enjoyed by all; and

**Whereas**, Embracing and celebrating our individual identities and commonalities as Americans helps to further bring people together and drive the development and progress of society; and

**Whereas**, The history of the world has shown that continued human progress has been built on a foundation of inclusiveness and acceptance; and

**Whereas**, Embracing our differences helps to fulfill the principals and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, neighborhoods, and communities include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but the actuation of unalienable rights for all our residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise;

**Now, Therefore**, Richmond City Council does hereby proclaim September 24, 2016 as **Richmond Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Queer Pride Day** and brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents so that we may join together in honoring the diversity and strength of our thriving community.

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