## Richmond City Council



# Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	ТҮРЕ	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER/S
1	Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Week  To be received by: Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicators	RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT PROCLAMATION	To proclaim the second full week of April each year as Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Week in Richmond, Virginia, and thank our Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicator professionals for helping to make our city an even better, safer, and healthier place to live, work, learn, play, love, visit, and raise a family.	Mayor Council
2	Richmond Public Library Week  To be received by:  TBA	RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION	To recognize honor, and celebrate the Richmond Public Library and proclaim the second full week of April each year to be Richmond Public Library Week in Richmond, Virginia, and thank the Richmond Public Library's dedicated Administrators, Librarians, Staff, volunteers, and supporting boards and association members for their dedication and service on behalf of all Richmond residents in helping make our city even better, smarter, and more empowered place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.	Larson



### 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 The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby and officially proclaim:

## Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-**Telecommunicators Week**

Whereas, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, 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 public safety emergency 9-1-1 telecommunications to be vital to the life, health, and safety of all Richmond residents and those visiting our beautiful and historic city; and

Whereas, Public safety telecommunicators provide a human lifeline to residents, visitors, and officers in the field 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and serve as crucial members of first responder teams helping to save lives and protect property and the environment in response to crime, medical emergency, and natural- and man-made emergencies, disasters, or incidents; and

Whereas, In delivery of their critical services, Richmond's telecommunications personnel manage telephone and other electronic public requests for emergency assistance from law enforcement, fire, medical, and other emergency services to dispatch appropriate public safety units accordingly; and

Whereas, Public safety telecommunicators operate highly technical, specialized, comprehensive emergency response systems and alerting systems, including Text Telephones (TTYs) and Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDDs) to serve persons with auditory impairment; and

Whereas, National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is held the second full week of April and is an annual observance on behalf of telecommunications professionals that was first recognized by the United States of America Congress in 1991; and

Whereas, Responding to 425,532 calls for emergency assistance in calendar year 2017, the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center is ranked the second busiest center in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is staffed by more than 80 dedicated professionals who provide a human voice and help in critical times of need;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby proclaim the second full week of April each year as Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Week in Richmond, Virginia, and thank these professionals for helping to make our city an even better, safer, and healthier place to live, work, learn, play, love, visit, and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the ninth day of April, two thousand eighteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eightieth 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 Chris A. Hilbert Council President, Richmond City Council Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

**Richmond City Council** 

The Honorable Levar M. Stoney City of Richmond



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

**Richmond City Council** 



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## Richmond Public Library 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, and celebrate the need, necessity and critical importance of public libraries; and

**Whereas,** In direct response to the wishes of Richmond Residents, the Richmond Public Library was established on October 13, 1924 and, due to popular demand, now includes nine library branches that are conveniently located throughout Richmond; and

**Whereas,** Constantly evolving and responsive on behalf of our residents, the Richmond Public Library has more 450,000 books, items, and materials available for checkout and provides Internet access, community meeting spaces, and educational programs; and

Whereas, The Richmond Public Library and its branches serve as empowerment centers within our community that bestow access to information and lifelong learning; and

**Whereas**, Some of the many important programs delivered by the Richmond Public Library include parenting and early childhood education, résumé writing, and computer and internet training; and

**Whereas,** As a strong testament to the outstanding programs and services provided by the Richmond Public Library, Richmond's library branch system hosts more than one million visitors a year who check out books, participate in programs, use computers and the internet, and search for employment; and

**Whereas**, Lifelong education and learning is critical in fortifying and driving a community's success and serve as strong measures of its vitality and wealth building capacity; and

Whereas, Dedicated professionals, Richmond Public Library Administrators, Librarians, Staff and volunteers serve as the backbone of our Richmond Public Library Branch System as well as the committed members of the Richmond Public Library Board of Directors, Richmond Public Library Foundation, Friends of the Richmond Public Library Association, and the Branch Library Boards throughout the community; and

**Whereas**, In recognition of the importance of reading, in 1958, the American Library Association and the National Book Committee established an annual National Library Week;

Now, Therefore, In support of National Library Week and in recognition, honor, and celebration of the Richmond Public Library, Richmond City Council does hereby proclaim the second full week of April each year to be Richmond Public Library Week in Richmond, Virginia, and thanks the Richmond Public Library's dedicated Administrators, Librarians, Staff, volunteers, and supporting boards and association members for their dedication and service on behalf of all Richmond residents in helping make our city even better, smarter, and more empowered place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

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The Honorable Kristen Nye Larson Councilwoman, Richmond City Council Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District